

Bush vows to keep running hard

Dukakis is gaining, claim Democrats

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Democrat Michael Dukakis says he is gaining on George Bush while the Republican vice-president vows he will not let complacency cost him the presidency as the campaign approaches its final week.

Bush has run eight to 13 percentage points ahead in most polls recently but the Dukakis camp said yesterday the Massachusetts governor had closed to near or within the margin of error in several key states.

Combining the themes of Republican complacency and elitism with predictions of an upset victory, Dukakis told 10,000 supporters in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, "I know Republicans are out there celebrating, popping their champagne corks in their penthouses."

He added, "I want to tell them one thing: We're the ones who are going to win."

Bush, who accused his Democratic rival of promoting class conflict, said he would keep running hard all the way to election day on Nov. 8.

"We've thought from the beginning it would be close right up to the end," he said in an interview with Cable Network News (CNN). "There is no overconfidence, there is no complacency, the Massachusetts liberal is not going to outwork me."

Dukakis, after months on the defensive against Bush's depiction of him as an ultra-liberal who would coddle criminals and weaken US defences, voiced confidence that he and his running mate, Texas Senator Lloyd Ben-

sen, had finally seized the campaign initiative.

"We're just feeling good. We're seeing a lot of good support coming on board all over the country and both Senator Ben-

sen and I are very excited," he told reporters yesterday before leaving Boston for campaign appearances in South Dakota and California, the nation's richest state in electoral votes.

California accounts for 47 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the election. A number of surveys show Bush with a solid hold on more than 220 electoral votes, with another 100 or so leaning in his direction. Dukakis has a firm hold on just 100 electoral votes, according to the surveys.

But Dukakis' chief campaign advisor, John Sasso, said new

polls in Ohio, Michigan and Texas and the campaign's own surveys in California show that Dukakis is gaining.

Dukakis and his campaign advisors have said they wanted to force Bush out of a protective "cocoon" they said the vice president's campaign managers had woven around him to reduce the potential for a damaging mis-

step. The New York Times endorsed Dukakis for president today, saying economic issues tipped the scales narrowly to his favour over Bush.

"Getting America out of hock is, by far, the next president's most urgent job. Who's likely to do it better? The answer tips a closely balanced scale — to Michael Dukakis," the Times said.

US to withdraw frigate

MANAMA, Oct. 30, (AP): Barriog a last-minute change of plans, the United States will withdraw its first warship from the Gulf this week, a small but important step toward reducing the American military presence in the region, US sources said today.

The missile frigate USS Rodney M. Davis is to be officially detached from Gulf duty on Tuesday, sailing for its home port in Yokosuka, Japan, according to the sources, who insisted

on anonymity.

The 4,600-ton frigate would thus become the first US warship to be taken out of the Gulf since Iraq and Iran agreed to an Aug. 20 ceasefire, ending their eight-year war.

Its departure, trimming overall American naval strength in the region from 26 to 25 vessels, appeared more a reflection of confidence among senior US officials that the truce would hold, than of any purely military or tactical considerations.

Hundreds detained in US abortion protests

ATLANTA, Oct. 30, (AP): Police in at least 17 cities yesterday arrested an estimated 1,000 anti-abortion demonstrators trying to close clinics and stop employees and pregnant women from entering.

At many clinics, volunteers helped escort patients through rafts of protesters. Most clinics said appointments that were not kept were rescheduled or referred to clinics not being picketed.

Counter-demonstrators at some sites chanted "right to life, your name's a life, you don't care if women die," and "not the church, not the state, women will decide their fate."

Despite the arrests, mostly for blocking access or trespassing, the demonstrations organised by the New York-based Operation Rescue were generally peaceful.

Escorted
The group organised protests over the weekend in 32 cities and said as many as 5,000 people could be arrested.

About 170 people were arrested in suburban New Orleans,

where one demonstrator yelled "Save your child. Give your life to Jesus," while sheriff's deputies escorted a woman into a clinic.

In Des Moines, Iowa, a clinic employee was slightly injured when protesters, thinking she was a patient, dove in her path to stop her from entering. Police arrested 20 demonstrators.

"It doesn't surprise me that this radical fringe element is breaking the law and causing people to be injured. But this is a nurse who cares about other people's health problems," said clinic director Jill June.

Houston police arrested 11 people at a clinic, including one who chained himself to a heavy metal garbage can. "This is a violent place," the man said while police worked to free him. "This is a place where innocent blood is shed for money."

In Providence, Rhode Island, where about 100 were arrested, police said five officers suffered apparently minor injuries when they tried to shove through a crowd.

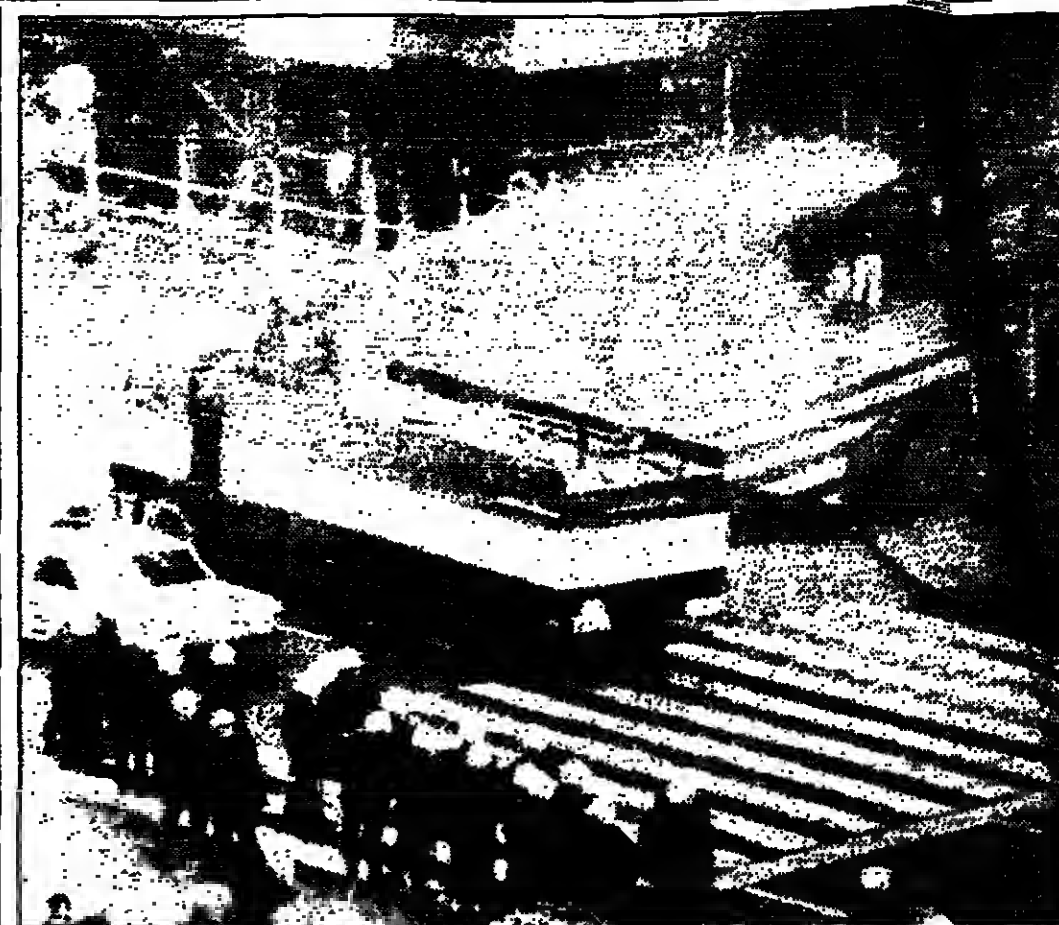
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Riot police pummel demonstrators with water cannons near Wenceslas Square in Prague. (Reuters wirephoto)

85 people still detained over Prague protest, says activist

PRAGUE, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Czechoslovak police today still held 85 people rounded up in raids three days ago in an effort to block a demonstration for political reform, a leading human rights campaigner said.

The detainees included prominent members of the Charter 77 human rights movement, according to Anna Sabatova, a charter signatory and member of the committee for the defence of the unjustly persecuted.

Symbol
Sabatova said charter spokesman Bohumil Janat was detained yesterday with two other people when he sought to join an independent group laying flowers at the grave of Czechoslovakia's first President, Tomas Masaryk, in a cemetery in Lany outside the capital.

The communist authorities have only in the past year allowed public discussion of Masaryk's role in the creation of Czechoslovakia and he remains a powerful symbol for critics of their rule.

Thursday's raids, in Prague, Brno and Bratislava, were aimed at preventing the demonstration on Friday marking the 70th anniversary of Czechoslovakia's founding as an independent nation.

Dissidents

Another charter spokesman, Milos Hajek, was detained after the demonstration at which police beat people with batons and fired teargas and water cannon.

Stanislav Devaty, the third spokesman for the movement

which campaigned for Czechoslovak compliance with international accords, was said to be under house arrest.

Under Czechoslovak law people can be detained for up to 48 hours without being charged. At least one of the dissidents rounded up, Catholic activist Vaclav Benda, was released then re-detained, according to Sabatova.

A senior US diplomat condemned the round-ups and compared them with raids under Soviet dictator Josef Stalin. Ambassador Warren Zimmerman, chief US delegate to the conference on security and co-operation in Europe, said Czechoslovakia had brutally violated the 1975 Helsinki accords on human rights, military security and economic co-operation.

Child pornography ring

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 30, (Reuters): A well known actor and a senior television executive have been arrested in connection with an alleged child pornography ring in South Africa's entertainment world, police said today.

The actor, Don Lamprecht, appears in a television series and his voice was used in a multi-million dollar government advertising campaign to encourage South Africans to

vote in countrywide municipal elections last week.

The executive is Timus Esterhuizen of the state-run South African Broadcasting Corporation. Both men were arrested separately yesterday in connection with charges ranging from sodomy, indecent assault and possession of pornography, police said without elaborating.

Lamprecht and Esterhuizen are free on bail pending court appearances.

Soviet shuttle to resume flight after Revolution Day

MOSCOW, Oct. 30, (Reuters): The maiden flight of the Soviet space shuttle Buran, delayed at the last minute yesterday, will take place after the Nov. 7/8 Revolution Day holiday, a senior space official said.

Major-General V. Gudilin was quoted by the Sunday edition of the newspaper Kommunisticheskaya Pravda as saying there was no hurry to repeat the unmanned mission, called off 51 seconds before blast-off when a platform failed to swing clear.

"Those working on the rocket should have patience," Gudilin told the newspaper.

Check
"After emptying the tanks we will check the systems of the carrier rocket and the orbiting craft again, analyse in detail the situation with the platform, then fill up the tanks again."

Gudilin added: "I think the start will be set up after the holiday."

The Buran (snowstorm) shuttle, mounted piggy-back on the giant Energia booster rocket, had been due to lift off exactly a month after the resumption of the US shuttle programme with the successful launch of Discovery.

But the countdown was halted in the final stages. Tass news agency initially said the launch would be delayed for four hours but it later announced an indefinite postponement.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Solidarity visit

PORT NOLLOTH, South Africa, Oct. 30, (AP): Archbishop Desmond Tutu today prayed with blacks threatened with eviction from this remote fishing town, 500 kilometres (300 miles) from the nearest area where blacks may live legally.

The church service concluded a two-day solidarity visit by the Anglican leader to a camp of 90 green tents where 500 blacks live on a windswept, treeless salt flat outside Port Nolloth.

Embassy dispute

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Stockholm may soon play host to a superpower meeting to decide whether Moscow should pay \$29 million in damages for a US embassy that Washington says is riddled with listening devices.

The vice-president of Stockholm's Chamber of Commerce said today it was very likely the dispute would be settled in the chamber's arbitration institute, but added he had not yet received a formal request from either party.

Desert locusts

PLYMOUTH, England, Oct. 30, (AP): Live locusts from the Sahara in North Africa have been blown to southwest England by storm winds.

The locusts were found in Plymouth, Truro and the Isles of Scilly, having travelled at least 1,300 miles (2,400 kilometres), said David Curry, at Plymouth City Museum.

500 feared killed by typhoon Ruby

MANILA, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Five hundred people may have been killed in the Philippines by typhoon Ruby, officials said today.

Rescuers searching for survivors of a Philippine ferry disaster retrieved dozens of bodies hauled by fishermen on beaches, the officials said.

Relief agencies said the typhoon, which struck last week, flooded or washed away the homes of 2.3 million people in a powerful strike across the 7,000-island Pacific nation.

Rescuers yesterday exhumed 47 bodies from a debris of ships in the central Philippines where the ferry Dona Marilyn sank in stormy seas on Monday, raising the death toll to 63 in the country's second major sea disaster in 10 months.

Missing
At least 248 other passengers and crew members were still missing a week after the disaster and officials virtually gave up hope of finding any alive.

"The search continues and we are praying for more survivors but the chances look dimmer now," Carlos Go, district manager of shipowners Sulphio Lioes, said in a telephone interview.

At least 205 people survived the sinking.

Palestinian shot dead

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More than 80 Palestinians have been reported wounded and two were killed in the past week, and Israeli officials have said election day may bring an upsurge in violence in the 10-month Palestinian uprising.

The uprising's leader issued a new leaflet, sent to news agencies in Cyprus, calling a general strike on Israel's election day and joining the Muslim fundamentalist "Hamas," or Zeal, in urging another strike on Wednesday.

Today's death reportedly came when soldiers opened fire with plastic bullets on rioting youths in the Christian village of Beit Sahur.

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Call for international conference on Afghanistan

No one can keep peace: Najibullah

ISLAMABAD, Oct 30, (Reuters). Afghan President Najibullah has called on rebels to share power with the government, saying areas of the country captured by guerrillas were being plundered in internecine fighting.

In a speech to a joint session of parliament, reported by the official news agency Bakhtar today, Najibullah said that if the two sides did not co-operate they would be annihilated.

"The capture of power by one of the two sides does not put a stop to the war, on the contrary it will intensify it," Bakhtar, monitored in Islamabad, quoted him as saying. "Thus it is time to share power by holding negotiations."

The Western-backed rebels, based in Pakistan, have rejected countless appeals from Kabul for a negotiated settlement of the 10-year-old guerrilla war. They dismiss Najibullah as a Soviet puppet and the parliament as a powerless sham.

Fighting
Najibullah said the fighting had intensified after last April's Geneva agreements providing for a withdrawal of the 100,000-strong Soviet forces by next February.

He said that when the "armed extremist groups" had captured areas of Afghanistan the result had been plundering of the local population and fighting between rival groups.

Thousands of rebels had been

killed in clashes between guerrilla groups since the start of the Soviet withdrawal in May, he said. The rebels say only minor incidents have taken place.

Najibullah said that after part of Taloqan, capital of the northern province of Takhar, had fallen to the rebels it had been split and plundered by dozens of different groups.

Conference

The situation was similar in Bamyan in central Afghanistan, and Kunar, on the Pakistani border, he said.

Najibullah called on UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to convene an international conference to discuss the neutral status of Afghanistan.

an economic aid programme, and guarantees for human rights and political freedoms.

Najibullah said a demilitarisation of Afghanistan was needed and all the weapons in the country should be collected and returned to their makers.

The Afghan President said his government had given a lot of ground in its 22-month-old campaign for "national reconciliation," roundly rejected by the rebels, and had a right to ask the opposition to follow suit.

Referring to rumours that he would abandon national reconciliation, he told the deputies: "We may never give up our struggle for ensuring peace and security in the country."

Hirohito's condition worsens

TOKYO, Oct 30, (Agencies): Doctors battled today to save the life of Japan's Emperor Hirohito, weakened after losing a huge amount of blood.

The emperor was first given a massive 1,400cc (2.5 pints) transfusion then more blood when he continued to bleed, palace officials said.

They said it was Hirohito's worst bleeding since he collapsed on Sept 19. It was also the largest transfusion he has received during his illness.

Palace official Kenji Maeda said Hirohito's high temperature, racing pulse and low blood pressure were cause for concern.

"We need to watch developments closely," Maeda said in a terse statement.

Media reports speculated that the emperor, who has reigned for 63 years, has inoperable cancer of the pancreas.

Doctors said the emperor's fever jumped to 38.4 Celsius (101 Fahrenheit), and his pulse rate was 120 beats per minute at 2:00 pm (0500 GMT) today. Hirohito's blood pressure was reported to be 106 over 60.

Hirohito, the world's oldest living monarch, is being fed intravenously and has not eaten any food except for a few spoonfuls of porridge since the crisis began.

Marxists refuse to halt violence in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Oct 30, (Reuters): Sri Lanka's opposition told President Junius Jayewardene today they had failed to persuade Marxist rebels to halt violence and join the democratic process, political sources said.

They said a group of seven opposition parties told Jayewardene they had failed to obtain an assurance from the People's Liberation Front that they would stop political killings if the government implemented an opposition peace plan.

Plan

Jayewardene told the parties he would discuss the situation with the cabinet and contact them again if necessary, the sources said.

UK travel agents stay away

LONDON, Oct 30, (Reuters): Nearly half the delegates to a convention of British travel agents in occupied Jerusalem have decided to stay away after warnings from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), their trade organisation said today.

The Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) quoted the PLO as saying in a letter to delegates: "We do not take lightly attempts to belittle or ignore the sufferings of our people."

The PLO added that Britain's two million Muslims would be urged to boycott firms sending representatives. ABTA said more than 3,000 usually attend the annual meeting, but fewer than 1,700 will attend the opening tomorrow night.

Japanese aid for Palestinians

THE Jerash Elementary and Preparatory Boys Schools in Palestine Refugee Camp of UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) in Jordan was recently opened.

Japan contributed \$1 million to construct these two schools, according to a press release of the Japanese embassy in Kuwait.

Japan has continued its aid to Palestinians through UNRWA since 1953. So far Japan has donated more than \$140 million.

ces said.

"We will now have to go on the basis that the JVP (the Front) is not accepting the peace plan," National Security Minister Lalith Athulthududali said in a telephone interview.

Killings

He said a 10-day truce in the government's operations against the Front expired today with the opposition announcing its failure to persuade the rebels to stop violence.

At their last meeting on Oct 27, Jayewardene had told the opposition he was prepared to dissolve Parliament and hold parliamentary elections if the rebels halted killings and joined

the democratic process.

The Front has been held responsible by the police for the killing of more than 500 people and conducting anti-government demonstrations and strikes in the past few weeks.

The victims were mainly members of the ruling United National Party and security men. A thalududali said the Front had killed 27 people since the unilateral truce was first declared on Oct 20.

The Front, whose members are mostly from the Sinhalese majority, is opposed to a peace pact signed last year by Sri Lanka and India aimed at ending a rebellion by the Tamil minority.

Philippines faces long-term problems

LONDON, Oct 30, (UPI): The Philippines face long-term problems because of a cabinet swing to the right that will make it tougher for President Corason Aquino to introduce land reforms and defeat a communist insurgency, according to study published today.

A special report on the Southeast Asian nation by the London-based Economist Intelligence Unit said this would be the likely price the government of Aquino would have to pay for shorter-term stability.

"After nearly three years in office, President Aquino's government seems to have found a formula which will ensure both political stability and economic recovery in the Philippines over the next five years.

But in the process it could well be storing up serious long term

problems which will fuel the communist insurgency," the report said.

Titled, "The Philippines to 1993: Making up lost ground," the EIU said it believed Defence Minister Gen. Fidel Ramos, a former supporter of ousted President Ferdinand Marcos, would succeed Aquino as President after the 1992 election.

A major problem outlined in the report was a move to the right in Aquino's government. After five coup attempts since 1986, the cabinet had been moulded, of necessity, to retain the support of the military and many liberals have been edged out.

"This political arrangement is likely to persist over the next five years... creating an environment that is predictable, generally stable and congenial to foreign private investment."

Egypt, Libya halt media war

CAIRO, Oct 30, (UPI): Egypt has decided to halt its war of words against Libya, in response to a similar goodwill gesture by the regime of Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid said today that despite the differences between the two countries, "Egypt has responded (in a similar manner) to the Libyan declaration about ending information campaigns."

Abdel-Meguid denied the move was the result of a Moroccan mediation effort.

Khaddafi announced last weekend, on the occasion of the Birthday of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), that he was halting all propaganda attacks against Egypt.

Relations between the two countries have seen ups and downs, but always remained chilly, since they fought a border war in 1977.

Imelda Marcos (second right) leaving for New York.

Imelda leaves for New York to face arraignment

SAN JOSE, California, Oct 30, (AP): Former Philippines First Lady Imelda Marcos arrived for a brief stopover before leaving today for New York, where she is scheduled to be arraigned on racketeering charges.

The private jet carrying Mrs Marcos landed at 9:55 pm Saturday (0555 GMT Sunday) at the San Jose Jet Centre, a facility for private aircraft at the San Jose International Airport.

Mrs Marcos disembarked and was led away by a police motorcade to an undisclosed location. Earlier, government officials said they expected Mrs Marcos to visit her daughter, Irene Araneta, in San Francisco.

Earlier yesterday in Honolulu, Mrs Marcos had invited federal officials to join her on the borrowed luxury jet to prove she would not flee rather than fly to New York for arraignment on racketeering charges.

Mrs Marcos arrived at the Honolulu airport in a black limousine and got aboard the plane without any comment to reporters. She was accompanied by an entourage of about 10 people.

Before leaving for the airport, Mrs Marcos kissed and hugged her husband, former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos, who was brought out of the couple's hillside estate in a wheelchair.

Both were seen wiping away tears in the parting that was video-recorded by Marcos aides.

John Bartko, a Marcos attorney, flew to Honolulu yesterday for his first trip out of Hawaii since being exiled here nearly three years ago.

Mrs Marcos and her husband were indicted Oct. 21 on charges that they looted more than \$100 million from their country and used it to buy New York real estate, artwork and other objects.

Khashoggi

Indicted with the Marcoses was Saudi Arabian financier Adnan Khashoggi, who is accused of acting as a front for Marcos to help divert assets and hide his ownership of real estate and art. No court date for his appearance was scheduled.

Khashoggi was in Saudi Arabia yesterday, his office manager in Riyadh said.

"Yes, he is in the kingdom presently," said Sofian Yassine, when reached by telephone from Bahrain.

An arrest warrant has been issued in the United States for Khashoggi.

Khashoggi's lawyer in New York said on Friday that the financier still has not yet made up his mind as to whether to appear voluntarily for the US court hearing.

13,000 Moonies marry in S. Korea

SEOUL, Oct 30, (Reuters): More than 13,000 members of the controversial Unification Church were married at Yongsu, just south of the South Korean capital today in what could be the world's largest mass wedding.

The Reverend Moon Sun-myung, 69, Korean-born evangelist and leader of the "Moonies," led the 6,512 couples in the wedding vows to deafening shouts of "yes" and then gave his blessings in Korean before they exchanged rings.

Church officials said it was their highest ceremony but could not confirm if it was the largest ever.

King of Bhutan to formalise marriage

NEW DELHI, Oct 30, (Reuters): King Jigme Singye Wangchuck of Bhutan will formalise his marriage to four Bhutanese sisters with a public wedding ceremony tomorrow, Bhutan's Foreign Minister Dawa Tsering announced in New Delhi today.

The 32-year-old king, the world's youngest monarch when he ascended the throne in 1974, was long known to have married the four sisters at a private ceremony but there had been no public announcement.

Tsering said the king had been under pressure from the clergy to

have a public wedding although the private ceremony nine years ago was legal.

He said the king had followed a Bhutanese custom in marrying the sisters. His grandfather had married two sisters.

During the wedding celebrations in Funakha Dzong, the former capital of Bhutan, the king will formally designate his eldest son as the crown prince.

Prince Jigme Gesar Namgyal Wangchuck, born to the third Queen Ashi Tsering Yandoin, is eight years old.

The wedding will be celebrated as a national event.

Tsering said the queens came from one of the most distinguished families of Bhutan and were the descendants of Shabdrung Nawang Namgyal who came from Tibet in 1660, unified Bhutan and set up a system of administration.

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Oman, South Yemen agree to sign accord

BAHRAIN, Oct. 30. (Agencies): Oman and South Yemen, after 15 years of border disputes, have agreed to sign a wide-ranging co-operation agreement. South Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Al Dali said today.

Dali, quoted by the Oman News Agency, said the two "brotherly countries" will sign an agreement on Monday to work together in trade, economics and communications.

President Haider A. Babaker Al Attas arrived in Oman on Saturday for the first official visit by a South Yemeni president since his country gained independence from Britain in 1967.

Mediation
The visit results from mediation by states on the Arabian Peninsula for normalisation of relations between the two neighbouring countries on the southern edge of the peninsula despite ideological differences and border disputes.

The relations hit bottom during the 10-year rebellion in Oman's Dhofar Province bordering South Yemen which was finally crushed by the Sultan in 1975. The rebels were assisted by South Yemen.

Indian envoy meets with ministry official

N. N. Jha, Ambassador of India, yesterday met with Jassim M. Bahman, Director, Consular Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Discussions focused on bilateral relations in the areas of consular services and matters of mutual interest.

Fire breaks out at university

A SMALL fire was reported yesterday afternoon in the new car parking project at the Science Faculty of Kuwait University in Khaldiya.

Officials at the University said that the fire started when labourers working at the site were trying to heat tar and wooden pillars caught fire.

No one was injured and no major damage was reported. Fire brigades who arrived at the scene quickly put out the fire.

A declaration of principles, signed in 1982 in the presence of officials from Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, currently governs relations between Muscat and Aden and provided for a committee to work on demarcation of unmarked borders.

Al Attas, in an interview published today in the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Itihad, affirmed that the border demarcation is no longer a problem. He said officials from the two countries "are working honestly together to end this issue."

"The border demarcation should be placed in its natural position among other issues of bilateral relations," Al Attas said. He disclosed that the topic was on the agenda of his current talks with Sultan Qaboos.

Blaming "colonialism" for creating the problem, Al Attas said the demarcation is being dealt with by both sides with

understanding of the complication of such issues which require patience and accuracy.

Aden's president expressed optimism in the interview over a possible merger of his country with his neighbours in North Yemen.

Al Attas today visited the 96-million-rial (\$250 million dollar) Royal Hospital commissioned a year ago with 630-beds and state-of-the-art medical technology.

Al Attas later toured the Rusail Industrial estate, developed on the outskirts of Muscat during the oil boom of the 1970's and housing 30 factories including a 6,000-ton aluminium plant and an air-conditioning manufacturer.

South Yemen has sought trying in recent months to end its isolation in the Arabian Peninsula and started a dialogue with North Yemen, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Arabs, Europeans discuss co-operation

KUWAIT, Oct. 30. (KUNA): The secretary-general of the Arab Cities Organisation, Abdul Aziz Al Adami, has hailed co-ordination between Arab cities at the first Euro-Arab Cities Conference held recently in Morocco.

The conference was held under the patronage of Moroccan Monarch King Hassan II in the presence of 180 representatives from major Arab and European cities. They discussed

cultural and technical co-operation between the Arab world and Europe, Adami said.

The conference was aimed at promoting friendship and understanding between the two sides in addition to exchanging practical and scientific expertise in future, he said.

The secretary-general returned here last night from Morocco after attending the conference.

Cabinet hears ministers' reports

KUWAIT, Oct. 30. (KUNA): During today's Cabinet meeting, chaired by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, the Council of Ministers got acquainted with the messages received by HH the Amir from President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, relating to the Amir's UN address last month and the latest developments on the Arab front.

The Cabinet, also was briefed on the messages sent to the Amir by King Juan Carlos of Spain and Kenya's President Daniel Arap Moi, according to Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashid. The Cabinet then was informed of tomorrow's scheduled visit by Austria's President Kurt Waldheim, at the invitation of the Amir, recalling the firm stances of Waldheim toward Arab causes.

UN session
The council then listened to a report from Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed on the 43rd session of the UN General Assembly, held in New York last month. He discussed talks he held with his Arab and foreign colleagues.

Sheikh Sabah informed the council of the outcome of the co-ordination meetings for GCC foreign ministers. He also relayed appreciation of heads of delegations toward the Amir's UN speech.

Sheikh Sabah also discussed his meeting with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa and the outcome of last week's visit by Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Ordóñez, which focused on bilateral relations and the situation in the Gulf and the Middle East.

Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa told the council about the meeting of the GCC committee for oil co-operation held in Riyadh. He also discussed the meeting of the OPEC pricing and strategy committees held in Madrid last week.

Endorsed

The Cabinet also listened to an explanation from Al Rashid on the joint Kuwait-French agreement for scientific, technical and cultural co-operation.

Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi discussed the GCC economic and financial co-operation committee, meeting in Riyadh recently.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Ossami commented on the talks with East Germany's Deputy Foreign Minister Heinz Dieter Winter, who visited the country last week.

Dhari Al Othman, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, briefed the council of his official visit to South Yemen and his meeting with President Haidar Abu Bakr Al Attas.

He also spoke of his talks with his Mauritanian counterpart Mohammed Salem Ould Mohammed, during his visit to Kuwait.

Education Minister Ahmad Abdullah Al Nouri discussed the GCC education ministers meeting, held in Doha last week.

On the local front, the Cabinet endorsed the final accounts for the 1987-88 fiscal year for the Kuwait News Agency, the Credit and Savings Bank, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), the Public Authority for Ports and Beit Al Zakat (Alms House).

Ministry defends car phone charges

SALMAN Al Roumi, assistant undersecretary for technical affairs at the Ministry of Communications and a member of the board of the Mobile Telephone Company defended the decision to charge customers for calls made on car telephones.

He added that before starting the services in the beginning of

1986, a local consulting company had conducted a study and called for revising the charges and including a surcharge.

The board of the company did not agree to revise or add any surcharge at that time. The board decided to evaluate the situation after a year or two of service, the official said.

He added that a survey of customers indicated that 60 per cent preferred paying charges for actual usage.

Improve
Al Roumi pointed out that the situation is now different because there are now more than 17,000 subscribers causing the system to be overloaded. The car telephone is meant for urgent needs, he said. Some people use the car telephone in their houses and offices.

The demand on the services prompted the company to find ways to provide good and high standard services which can only be made by guiding the telephone calls, the official said.

He added that the Mobile Telephone Company is a profit oriented business. The decision to revise charges was made to improve services and to solve problems of shortages in lines.

He added that 70 per cent of subscribers use their car phones in the right manner and 30 per cent do not. Some subscribers speak for thousands of minutes every month and others speak around 300 minutes only, he said.

Subscribers who speak for 300 minutes should not be made to pay the same bill as those who speak for thousands of minutes, he said.

Businessmen warned about gang of swindlers

THE General Secretariat of the Arab Gulf Chambers of Commerce Union warned Arab Gulf businessmen against dealing with a gang working in an African country.

The Saudi based daily Al Madinah reported that the gang was cheating some Arab Gulf and other international companies by submitting forged bank guarantees drawn on African and British banks.

Quoting an official source at the General Secretariat, the daily said that the forgers had sent telexes to several firms throughout the world ordering shipment of goods by air freight. Instructions in the telexes stipulated that payment of goods together with landing charges would be paid by their bankers.

Companies who responded positively to the telexes realised only too late that they had been duped. The alleged importers were swindlers with no fixed address, the source said.

52,000 babies born in Kuwait

AN authoritative source at the Ministry of Public Health said that about 52,000 babies were born in Kuwait last year.

There were 26,200 boys and 25,800 girls born. Of the total, 19,900 were Kuwaitis.

The largest number of births was recorded in the Farwaniya Health Area, with over 11,000 births.

The same source said that out of 4,287 deaths recorded in Kuwait in 1987, 873 of them were children below one year of age.

Deaths for children from 1 to 4 years of age represented just 3.4 per cent of the total number of deaths.

The second highest number of deaths was among people from 54 to 64 years of age.

The source said that heart diseases are the top killers in Kuwait, closely followed by traffic accidents. Blood pressure problems and diabetes were other causes, the source added.

Undersecretary meets with US official

KUWAIT, Oct. 30. (KUNA): Defence Undersecretary Faisal Ali Al Dawoud today received US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Peter Perly.

Al Dawoud and Perly discussed security and stability in the region and other issues of mutual interest.

The meeting was attended by US Ambassador to Kuwait W. Nathaniel Howell.

UAE to host conferences

ABU DHABI, Oct. 30. (KUNA): The United Arab Emirates will host three medical conferences this week in different parts of the UAE.

The first conference will discuss nursing. It will be inaugurated by UAE Health Minister Hamad Al Madfa'in in Al Ain.

The nursing conference will group 500 nurses (female, male) from the UAE and other Arab Gulf countries.

The second conference is for opticians will be opened in Sharja by Health Undersecretary Dr Saoud Al Qassim, and will last for three days.

Doctors from Britain, West Germany, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia will give lectures on eye diseases and their relations with the atmosphere.

East German minister ends four-day visit

KUWAIT, Oct. 30. (KUNA): East German Deputy Foreign Minister Heinz Dieter Winter left here today for the UAE after an official four-day visit.

In an exclusive interview with KUNA prior to his departure, Winter said he held comprehensive talks with officials on bilateral relations and political matters.

The minister added that he found Kuwait's position toward some unsolved international problems, especially the stances announced recently by HH the Amir before the UN General Assembly, identical with those of his country.

Compensation

He said that Kuwaiti officials, expressed hopes that East German companies will become active in Kuwaiti markets. They discussed convening a new meeting for the Joint Economic Committee in Berlin in the first half of next year.

The East German official also expressed satisfaction over support by Kuwait for his country's effort toward world peace and disarmament, particularly the elimination of nuclear weapons in Central Europe.

Winter denied that his country has paid or intends to pay compensation to Jews, but said that there are contacts between his country and a Jewish organisation in the United States, which he did not name, regarding East German providing humanitarian assistance to some of "victims of fascism."

The minister announced East Germany's full support to Kuwait and UN efforts regarding peace and stability in the region.

He indicated that the two sides reiterated their support for an international conference for peace in the Middle East with the participation of PLO and the Palestinian struggle against the Israeli occupation.

Winter expressed his country's condemnation of the Zionist occupation authorities' brutal and aggressive practices against Palestinians in the occupied Arab lands.

He said East German relations with the Gulf Co-operation Council states have been improving lately.

Winter was seen off by Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Al Shaheen and a number of the ministry's senior officials.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

New water heating system to be offered

A REVOLUTIONARY energy-saving water heating system will soon be introduced in Bahrain and the rest of the Gulf. Tankless 2001, which is the result of 19 months of research and development in the United States, is about to be launched by an island firm.

According to Tank Water Works Inc., the Oklahoma-based manufacturer, the energy-saving device does not use a storage tank. This means it is not necessary to spend money heating a large amount of water.

At the end of a three-day visit to Bahrain on Saturday, the firm's President Bob Barrett, said his company had been looking at the Gulf for the past 10 months.

"We have slowly developed the idea to ensure the heater is totally suitable for Bahrain and the Middle East," he said.

"This type of heater has been very popular. It is a tremendous space saver and economical. It eliminates heat loss and conserves water."

The manufacturer claims Tankless 2001 is 51 per cent more economical than a conventional 40-gallon hot water tank and its compact size saves up to nine square feet in construction costs.

'Festival of Lights' to be celebrated

DIWALI, the Indian "Festival of Lights" will be celebrated here next week by the large Indian expatriate community.

Various Indian clubs and associations on the island have organised cultural shows to celebrate the festival on a grand scale. The Delmon Hotel will host an Indian musical and cultural extravaganza by the pool on Thursday. According to an organiser, nearly 1,000 guests are expected to attend — making it the largest turnout to celebrate Diwali this year. "Sanga," a local band specialising in classical and traditional Indian music, will provide the music. Indian Ambassador M.P.N. Menon will attend.

In collaboration with the Government of India Tourist Office (GITO), Bopca Club is organising a special "India Night" on Nov 9. A.A. Azeem, head of GITO, said the programme will feature classical dances which will include "Bharat Natyam" from Tamil Nadu and "Mohini Attam" from Kerala. Connoisseurs of ghazals will be entertained with "Sham-e-Ghazal." All entertainment will be provided by local talent.

On Thursday and Friday Kannada Sangha Club is hosting "Yashghana," a musical dance drama at the Hilton Hotel. A 12-member dance troupe from India has been especially invited for the occasion. The troupe is headed by M.M. Hegde, a well-known performer.

Proceeds from the shows will be donated to the Geriatric Hospital in Muharraq. Minister of Health Jawad Al Arayed will attend. Indian Ambassador Menon will also attend on the opening night.

Island sees revival of Bahraini literature

SINCE the Dilmun civilisation, Bahrain has been rich in literature. Bahraini writers and poets have been regarded as extremely talented, and their contribution to Arab literature has been immense.

The Bahrainis have traditionally been a romantic and aesthetic race, greatly inspired by the sea and the island's rich green environment. During the Dilmun era, notable Bahraini poets like Tarafa, Imail Aft and his uncle Mussayib, were known throughout the Arab world.

The revival of Bahraini literature in modern times began more or less in 1965, when a growing need was felt by local writers to form a common forum to promote and develop their work.

In 1965 Bahrain's first newspaper, Al Adwa (an Arabic weekly) was launched and began to publish the works of local writers. Major poets and writers like Mohammed Majid, Dr Mohammed Jabber Ansari and Khalaf Ahmed Khalaf played significant roles in reviving, promoting and encouraging literary interest in Bahrain.

The first literary meeting was held at the home of Dr Ansari in the summer of 1969. The meeting proved to be a resounding success and led to official recognition.

Association

In August 1969, the Bahrain Writers Association (Ussat Al Udaab Wal Kuttab) was formed with 11 members. In the words of association president Dr Alawi Al Hashemi it took a while to attract members.

"A few days after the association was formed we wrote to all the writers in the country and invited them to join," he said. "Unfortunately some of the senior writers of the day did not respond to our call. Writers like Ebrahim Al Arrayed, Taqi Al Baharna, Mahmood Al Mardi and Ali Sayyar, though appreciative of our efforts, did not seem to be interested in getting involved in our activities."

"I think they wanted to work independently, as they belonged to the older generation of writers. We understood and respected their wishes. It is heartening to know that we received very good response from the younger writers."

The association continued to grow in the following years. It staged its first poetry seminar on Jan 3, 1970 at Al Nasoor Club with a sell-out attendance of 1,500. This success encouraged the association to have regular seminars in Bahrain.

Government help came, but slowly. In the seventies the Ministry of Information provided the association with an annual grant of BD500, which was doubled to

BD1,000 in the early 1980s. This grant is primarily used to cover the rent of the association's premises.

In spite of difficulties, Bahraini writers have managed to get their works published in book form at home (to a lesser extent) and abroad primarily in Beirut before the civil war in the early 70s.

Books

Most Bahraini writers can only expect to see their works published abroad, where printing costs are lower and the demand for Bahraini literature is greater than in Bahrain itself.

The association today has 37 members — the cream of Bahrain's literary society. All are young — under 40.

Among the most promising young poets in Kassim Haddad, who has 10 books to his credit published in Lebanon. Notable among his works are Intimate (To Be A Member Of), Al Bishara, Addam Al Thani (Second Blood), Shathaya (Small Pieces of Glass) — a unique book of short, simple poems.

Ali Shargan, another promising poet, has also published 10 books in Lebanon.

Critics

Major Bahraini novelists and playwrights are Ahmed Juma and Khalaf Ahmed Khalaf.

Prominent masters of the short story genre are Mohammed Abdul Malik and Amin Saleh.

Among the country's leading critics are Dr Ebrahim Ghuloom and Dr Alawi Al Hashemi, both professors at Bahrain University. Dr Alawi is also a distinguished poet in his own right, having published several volumes of poetry both in Bahrain and abroad.

His major works include Min Ainaa Ahghoo Al Huam (Where the Sorrow Comes From), Al Asafir Wa Dil Ashshaz (Birds and the Shadow of the Tree) and What the Date Palm Tree said to the Sea, a major critical work covering 50 years of poetry in Bahrain (1925-75), published in Iraq.

Dr Alawi's latest effort, a compilation of all the well-known poets and writers of Bahrain today, was published three months ago. It is proving to be a critical and commercial success.

"Bahrain is blessed in that it has always had a romantic ambience to inspire its writers and poets," said Dr Alawi.

"There is a feeling of isolation among the people as the country is an island, and from its isolation there is the desire to see the world."

"I think this is what literature is all about in Bahrain," he added.



The aftermath of the fire.

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INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

Chasing fantasy, peddling dreams

By Fathima Ahmed

"Yeh sapnon ki duniya hai — hamsa yahan, rona yahan, mihna yahan aur khana yahan" (this is a dream world, we laugh, we cry, we find and we lose...). This song from Hero Hiralal is the lyrical summation of the essence of the film and of life in tinseltown, perhaps life in general.

Auto driver Hero Hiralal wants to be a "sochcha ashik" (a true lover). Maybe a legendary lover — if not in life at least in death. "I want to die a glorious death, a death long cherished by the world," he says, after being rejected by his beloved.

Hiralal believes he is a "true lover".

"Who is a true lover," asks Hiralal's dream girl Roopa. "The man who can do everything — anything for his beloved," he replies.

"Can be jump into the river," she asks.

Promptly, Hiralal, who can't swim, jumps into a lake.

Such is his eccentricity that he travels in a three-wheeler, a normal mode of public transport in India, from Hyderabad to Bombay — all in the pursuit of love.

Romance is one, and a vital, focal point of the film Hero Hiralal — Gul Anand and Ketas Mehta's puny, often satirical introspective look at cinema's pedlars of dreams.

Even when the dream mer-



Hero Hiralal (Naseeruddin Shah) with Roopa (Sanjana Kapoor).

chants destroy — they do it in style, sparing no effort to dazzle the onlooker. It is here that Anand and Mehta excel, through the medium of cinema that they decry, declaim and decimate, and then renege to fulfill the promise — chasing fantasy, peddling dreams.

Hero's story is based on a play by Naushil Mehta, about a crazy cinema fan who sees "the first show of every film, reviewing it several times."

Roopa symbolises the "star" — sitora — which twinkles in every fan's eyes but belongs to none, at least not until Hero makes his dramatic entry.

The mood for Hero's heroic romance is set even while the credits roll — the blood-red plastic heart pulsates rhythmically while the painter applies red on the luscious lips

of some actress on a lifesize poster. Background music recalls memories of Madhubala singing "Pyar kiya to darna kya" or a Shami yodelling "Yahoo... chaha koi muske jangli kaha." Rangla — the painter's concentration is shattered by knife-wielding hoodlums who destroy the man's work — Amitabh's face bears an unsightly scar, Rajesh is cut to bits and Hema's face lies unconcernedly on the ground.

Then, Hero Hiralal makes his grand entry. "I'm the real-life hero not the reel-life one," he says grandly.

Thus, starts the conflict between the real and reel life — fact and fiction, fans and stars, continuing the everlasting story of romance in and with cinema.

For Anand and Mehta, it is a game of camera-light-sound

action.

Mehta's earlier film *Mirch Masala* was an artist's vision — a collage of colour. Hero Hiralal is the dramatic build-up of light and sound. Action and glamour are added to build the glitz.

Sound effects take you by surprise when you least expect them to like when the tranquil auto-ride is shattered by Hiralal's piercing, ecstatic scream. Hiralal is apparently rejoicing in the company of Roopa. In a later sequence, you are moved by Hiralal's melancholy, heartrending sobs. Sound effects enhance Hiralal's dejection as he tries to drown himself in an ocean, the sea angrily rejecting an unwanted element forcing himself in her lap. And when the heroine dramatically comes to the Hero's rescue...

And, then there is Sitora Devi — the creator of dreams, the star-maker, powerful, invincible but a sad, unloved woman crying for affection. Sitora fulfils Hiralal's death wish — in style.

Style is not in short supply. The "game of death" is announced with panache: rejected star fan commits suicide. The euphoria builds, the dream has been sold. Even the chief minister pays a 12-minute visit to dissuade Hiralal from committing suicide. Nothing works? Or does it? It should.

As the megastar, who makes

a guest appearance, tells us: "All films have happy endings." And asks: "Wouldn't it be nice if life also had such happy endings?" But, then, living is reality and cinema escapism. As such, Hero Hiralal becomes an eternal part of that medium — in great style.

Naseeruddin Shah plays the title role, tongue-in-cheek, enjoying every bit of attention he gets on-and-off screen in the film.

The story of Hiralal begins in Hyderabad, so the indulgence in Hyderabad Urdu — "Nakko" (no), "Hao" (yes) and the sing-song diction, which many who are not accustomed to Hyderabad Urdu might find a trifle amusing, perhaps even annoying.

Some viewers may write-off Hero Hiralal as "sheer nonsense", others might find it entertaining.

Shashi Kapoor's svelte daughter Sanjana makes her debut as Roopa, the girl with a twinkle in her eyes and her heart set on becoming the "most popular star, working in Hollywood films."

Saeed Jaffrey plays Chacha, a brief cameo role as Hiralal's friend and confidante; Deepa Sahi makes a convincing Sitora and Satish Shah comes rolling into the film as Bhagwan muttering "Bhagwan is not for sale." But dreams are...

The above film is by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya; Tel: 471-2900.

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Al Salam Pharmacy
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Mubarak Al Kabir St.
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Al Rihab Pharmacy
Rihab Complex, Tunis St.
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Al Kauda Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
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Al Bastoor Pharmacy
Qais Al Ghanem Bldg, Dabous St. F'heel
Jleeh Al Shiyokh
Al Nimran Pharmacy
Opp. Secondary School
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus:
Predator
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger
Al Sahmiah:
Ana Wal Azaab Wa Huwak (Arabic)
Starring: Walid Taufiq, Sahir, Wahid Saif
Al Hamra:
Kul Hada Al Hub (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Shariff, Laila Alwi, Yahya Shahin
Drive-In
Ighlat Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nahila Obaid, Sahireen, Hisham Salim, Salah Qabil
Al Firdous:
Dayavan (Hindi)
Starring: Vinod Khanna, Feroz Khan, Madhuri Dixit
Al Fahsheel:
Cherry Zone

Fahsheel Open-Air
Haathon Ki Lakeeran (Hindi)
Al Jahra:
Circus Parade
Granada
Wet Gold
Salaibikhat
The Lint Return
Al Jleeb
Nishana (Bengali)
Ahmadi Drive-In
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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Abu Al Fuloo: local serial
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Wa Yaqa Al Amal: daily Arabic serial, starring Abeer Essa, Mohammad Qabbani, Shafiqah Tall, Tayseer Attiya.
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Israr Al Bahar: documentary
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
5.15 Mama Anisa and Children
5.30 Eureka
6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq, Huda Sultan
7.00 News Summary

7.30 Variety Show
7.45 Quran and Science
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Anfuwan Al Ashiya: Arabic serial, starring Jafar Saadi, Qassim Mohammad, Salmiya Qadir, Laila Mohammad, Sana Abdul Rahman
10.45 Qahal Al Raheel: Arabic drama. Starring: Ahmad Mazhar, Amina Rizk, Mohammad Rida, Khalid Zaki
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoons
6.30 The Friends of My Friends: "Man and His World". A look at UNICEF's programme to enhance exchange of ideas between children of the world.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news
7.30 Out of This World: "To Tell the Truth" —

well, is not easy as Donna's guests find out, with some help from the Antarean Egg.

8.00 News in English
8.40 Miami Vice: "Rising Sun of Death". Oriental intrigue, and mobsters, people tonight's episode, causing concern among the vice squad. Starring: Don Johnson

9.30 In Search of... takes an interesting look at the relationship between man and his pets.

10.00 You Can't Take It With You: Starring: Harry Morgan. Tonight, the family prepare for a surprise for the organisers. Comedy.

10.30 Jake and the Fatman: drug smugglers get caught in a web of their making, with the police pursuing them. Starring: William Conrad and E. Penney
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine: "D'Accutelle/Closedown"

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio News
30 Religious Service
0100 News Summary followed by 3rd From Raj to Rajiv, 10th An Arisi or Nothing: 17th Just Williams: 24th The National Brass Band Championships 1988
45 The Spinners and Friends
0200 World News Review
09 British Press
15 Pebbles' Choice
30 Science in Action
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Good Books
30 Anything Goes
0400 Newsdesk
15 Pebbles' Choice
30 Madge Days
45 Reflections
50 Waveguide
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Nature Notebook
45 Recording of the Week

0600 Newsdesk
30 A Green and Pleasant Land
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Latin Americans: 24th Rescuing the Rhine
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Madge Days
30 Anything Goes
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Good Books
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Pebbles' Choice
1000 News Summary followed by A Green and Pleasant Land
30 The Vintage Chart Show
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Tech Talk
30 The Ken Bruce Show
1200 Radio Newsdesk
15 3rd and 10th Raffles: 17th Hancock's Half-Hour: 24th Round the Horne
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Anything Goes

1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 A Choice of Verse
1500 Radio Newsdesk
15 A Green and Pleasant Land
45 English Songsmiths
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Americans in Europe
30 Lyrics and Lyrics
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 New Music
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsdesk
30 Multitrack 1: Top 20

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Bhtreen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Islamyat: Daur-e-Hazir
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Hamare Mehman
2100 Closedown

SAS Hotel celebrates anniversary

*SAS Hotel, Kuwait, recently held a party to celebrate the hotel's eighth anniversary (Oct 11) and the highest occupancy rate at the hotel. Pictured on right the SAS management team (L-R) Josef Flueller, chief engineer; Fayez Nour El Din, controller; Major Abdul Reda, chief of security and personnel; Jorgen Rathjen, E.A.M., F & B dept.; Werner Kuendig, general manager; Steinar Bergvoll, director of sales and Gregory Almida, rooms division manager.



WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.
Islamic Arts Museum
SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.
Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.
Sadu House
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

MUSIC

David McArthur Recital
OCT 31: 8 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. Jahriya: British pianist David McArthur will give a recital. The programme will comprise works of Beethoven, Schumann, Elgar, Chopin and others. For details contact 2469348/2441746/2402287.
Bob Marley Night
NOV 4: SAS Tent, 7.30 to 9.30 pm: Steve Michael and The Electric Rendezvous will be seeking to recreate the spirit of Jamaica, with a tribute to Bob Marley, the king of reggae. Tel: SAS, ext 413.
Piano and Violin Recital
NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from the Hilton Lobby.

SOCIAL

Halloween Party
OCT 31: Children's Halloween pool party at Messilah Beach. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and pool fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.
Swedish Ladies Meeting
NOV 1: Swedish ladies meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs Lindblad.
Harvest Festival
NOV 3: 1-5 pm The National Evangelical Church, English

Language Congregation, will hold the third Harvest Festival — food, fun, handicrafts, baked goods and other attractions. Come along and enjoy an afternoon's fun.

Kuwait Kannada Koota
NOV 4: 5 pm. Sharq Co-operative Hall. Kuwait Kannada Koota presents a variety show for the Nehru Centenary Year and Karnataka Rajyotsava. Tel: 5721724; 5610835.

Diwali Celebration
NOV 10: The Indian Arts Circle will celebrate Diwali. Open to members and their guests. Passes available from the IAC. Funatics. Tel: 3904817.

Nite Flight 88
NOV 10: SAS Hotel, The Tent. 9.30 pm: airline staff will hold a social evening with music by Juke Box Band, Stepping Stones, and the Jazz Quartet. Buffet, contest, prizes and surprises. For reservation contact Ken Winston — 5740256; John — 2435440; Tony — 2415439.

Navellin Youth Centre
NOV 17: Second social get-together at a local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 2407360 after 3.30 pm.

Kuwait Caledonians
NOV 24: St Andrews Night Dinner will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be Abie and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 3727690 ext 253.

Goa Cultural Association
DEC 8: Goa Cultural Association (S.U.F.A.) will hold their annual social evening at a local Kuwait hotel.
Bishop's Meeting
ST PAUL'S CHURCH, Ahmadi, will hold meetings to coincide with the visit of the Anglican Bishop for Cyprus and the Gulf.
Nov 2: 6.45 pm. "At home," Nov 3: 1.30 pm: businessmen's luncheon; 7.30 pm: harvest festival; Nov 4: 9.30 pm — city communion and 6.30 pm celebration. For details call 3985924.

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HOTELS

Messilah Beach
MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: ladies day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go".
At the Holiday Inn
SHAHRAZAD BBQ featured every Wednesday at the pool.

side at 8 pm. On Wednesdays Al Dana features "sea drama on ice"; on Thursdays, an Indian night offering exotic Eastern Cuisine is held. Thursdays: dine and dance to music by Arab singers at Al Andalus night club. Friday: fun 'n' surprises for children and parents at the weekly brunch, 11 am to 3 pm.

At the Sheraton
RICCARDO'S: Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna's Duo. Lunch and dinner, daily. Closed on Fridays.

Al Hamra: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Wednesdays: seafood night; Friday's buffet lunch. Entertainment by the Marcus Band provide live entertainment.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner rest., specialises in meat and fish dishes.

Le Tarbouche: daily lunch and dinner buffet featuring Arab cuisine. Thursdays: Arab world specialties; Fridays: buffet lunch and dinner.

Coffee Shop: international cuisine and daily specials; ideal for casual or business meeting.

At the Ramada
LE MIRAGE NIGHT CLUB: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Arzz Band.

Al Bender Coffee Shop: Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Al Ghandou Grill Garden: 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. Open Garden: 7 pm to midnight; a selection of teas, coffee, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.

Fish and Chips Shop: 4 pm to 11 pm.

Take away counter: 4 pm to 11 pm, Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

At the Continental
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

At the SAS
AL BUSTAN offers Friday brunch for families, 11.30 am to 3 pm. Duo Paradise from Poland provide music.

Sahar Al Khaimab: oriental night, held every Tuesday in the Tent; highlights are Arab souk, oriental cuisine and oriental music.

Peacock Room: Chinese

meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Klong. The menu features fried wonton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week", prepared by chef Peter D. Zolbit. Appetizers, charcoal grill steak and seafood, plus daily special.

At the Meridian
LA BRASSERIE: Thursday's Jam Session, foot tapping jazz music by Remy D'Mello; Family fun on Fridays; oriental buffet with music and video cartoons.

Versailles: lunch and dinner — grilled seafood; meat or fish fondue; grilled salmon.

Fingon Tea Lounge: banana promotion; plus tea, coffee, refreshments and juices served in oriental atmosphere of tea lounge.

At the Kuwait Plaza
FILIPINO night held every Sunday from 7 pm to 9.30 pm. Al Dallah coffee shop: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch. International Food Arcade: 4 to 10 pm; ice cream festival: light snacks served from 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Bosphorus Restaurant: Turkish cuisine, a la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturday.

Maro Polo Restaurant: Italian food, live music and at night candlelight dinner.

SPORTS

Laser Club
NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Shepherd — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.

PBAK Awards
NOV 4: Holiday Inn Hotel, 4 pm. Ambassador Alunan C. Giang will present awards to the winners of the first PBAK inter-commercial bowling league.

Buffet dinner. Admission: KD5 per person. For reservations phone Sara Macarim-bang 4843447; Ojie Olor — 5634200; Cora Paras — 4897536.

PBAK knock-out bowling tournament
NOV 11: 9 am to 9 pm. 300 Club. Single competition, open to men and women. Entrance fee: KD3.500 (members) and KD4 non-members. Winners will receive trophies.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

DEMOCRACY reads well, but it doesn't act well — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

OPINION

Kuwait Stock Market must be flexible

OUR newspaper opened the file of investments in the real estates and shares to allow specialists to diagnose the scene in the local investment market which has been facing attempts of "abortion."

If this is intentional, it is a conspiracy. If it is a result of ignorance and inexperience — the sin is certainly bigger. All that the Kuwaiti investors demand is, the Kuwait Stock Market be flexible like that of the real estate market. This will attract trading in shares of Kuwaiti companies, instead of flight of capital away from the share market due to depreciating values — whether this is intentional or caused by ignorance.

No investor will invest his funds unless the returns are attractive. Alternatively, he will search for other avenues of investment — even if that avenue is in China in line with the Arab proverb: "Ask for education even in China."

Flexibility is wanted in the Kuwait Stock Market, so that "birds of desperation and pessimism" aren't the only inhabitants in the market.

We and many business activists have repeatedly said that the law governing the Kuwait Stock Market was made under abnormal circumstances and most of its clauses are reactions to something that took place at that time.

Now those circumstances have disappeared and the crisis is over. People are now aware of what to do. Even the Soviet Union discovered that its strict economic system came under dire straits which have now disappeared.

The Kuwait Stock Market is bound to face more trouble if the government does not improve the performance in the market.

It is risky to leave such a highly important issue to the concerned ministers. Their ideas may not be compatible or well studied.

This issue needs to be discussed very soon to prevent further collapse.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Battling stones, bottles and insults

By Sharon Waxman

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. (Reuters): Israel's youngest voters have spent most of the past year battling stones, bottles and insults of Palestinian protesters in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Most of them will vote for a right-wing party in the general election tomorrow, according to opinion polls.

The polls show a dramatic rise in support for nationalist, right-wing movements among voters aged 18 to 23, when Israeli men do three years' Army duty and women serve two years.

Support

"This is an age when the emphasis on national identity is strong, division between self and other is strong and they are also in active conflict with others because of military service," says Bethanie Horowitz, a pollster for the Canadian firm Decima, hired by the dovish Labour Party.

"They're the ones experienc-

ing direct confrontation and it has had a very direct effect on them," she said.

Hanoch Smith, an independent pollster, puts support for the main rightist party, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud, and more hardline groups at 51 per cent among first-time voters, and gives Labour and parties to the left 38 per cent.

Uprising

A recent poll by the independent Guttman Institute put the split at 69-31 per cent.

Smith and other pollsters say the split between left and right is more even among older voters.

Demography is one big reason for the swing to the right among young voters: about two-thirds of that age group are from oriental Sephardic backgrounds, compared to about 55 per cent in the general population. These Jews of North African

and Middle Eastern origin have since 1977 been the bedrock of Likud support.

The 10-month-old uprising in the occupied territories has brought young Palestinians and Israelis of similar age into violent contact with one another, leaving a lasting impression on young Jewish voters.

More than 310 Palestinians and six Israelis have died in the unrest.

"I know the whole population, all the territories," says Yair Nissim, 22, who spent two-and-a-half of his three years of military service in the West Bank and Gaza.

"I don't hate Arabs, but they show hatred. I have never seen anything like it in my life."

Nissim, of Iraqi extraction, admits that as a soldier he was "very tough" with Arabs, but says it was necessary to control

them. Nissim is voting Likud, which rejects giving up the territories, in contrast to Labour, which supports territorial compromise for peace agreements.

"I just think the Likud can give better orders," Nissim says. "I would let the Palestinians rule themselves, but first we have to send out those who make trouble."

Benefits

Even though a Labour Defence Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, has been in charge of Israel's iron fist policy to crush the revolt, Likud has reaped the public relations benefits and is perceived as being tougher.

Labour recruited charismatic, battle-tested reserve Major-General Ori Orr to combat that image in television commercials. Orr says young men, one-third

of whom, polls show, will vote for the extreme right, "tend to see the world in black and white."

"Because they are exposed to tension for long periods they want immediate solutions and often think, 'let's just shoot them and clean this place up,'" he told Reuters.

Labour analysts show the strategy of using a general to sway the youth vote has had some success, but in this age-group, as one put it: "Labour has nowhere to go but up."

Right-wing

Likud, on the other hand, spends its campaign energy trying to keep young voters from straying to parties even further to the right. Even the symbol of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party is of youth — a muscled young man, holding a flag.

"We are taking a very right-

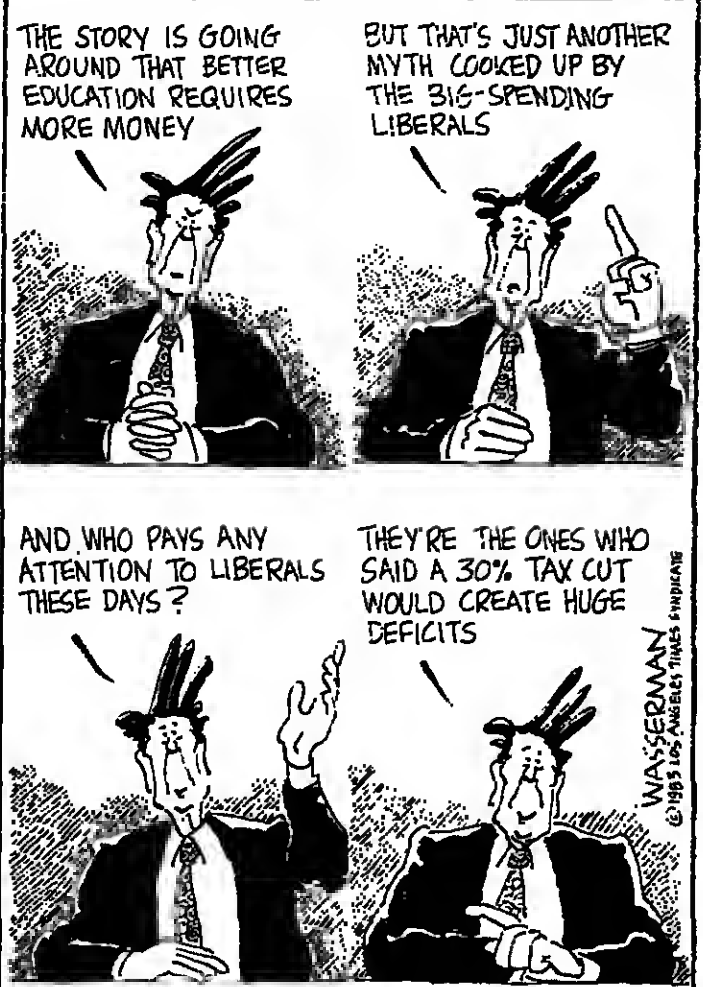
wing line," says Likud's Jerusalem campaign spokesman Eitan Cohen. "The youth of Jerusalem are right-wing."

Among the minority of young people expected to vote for the left tomorrow, analysts say many will vote for small radical parties. For almost half of those voters — mostly of European origin — Labour is not far enough to the left.

Decima's polling of young voters shows they are thoughtful and highly politicised. Most say they will vote on the basis of security and peace issues, and will choose the right because it projects an image of strength.

The polls also show many are willing to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and would give up territory for peace under certain conditions — positions held by the Israeli left.

But images and experiences of the conflict in the occupied territories will be uppermost in their minds when they cast their ballots tomorrow.



By Leslie Shepherd

LONDON. (AP): Veteran journalist Colin Webb says he is bracing himself for the day when someone at a cocktail party says: "Oh, so you're in Fleet Street, are you? Banking or insurance?"

For Webb, editor-in-chief of Press Association, the domestic British news agency, this disgrace may be close at hand.

One newspaper after another has left Fleet Street for modern plants elsewhere, and financial institutions are moving in. The short, crowded street and adjoining warren of crooked alleys and hidden courtyards, the haunt of Dickens, Pevensy and Dr Johnson, was once synonymous with the newspaper industry — noisy, grubby and exuberant.

The man must have a rare receipt for melancholy, who can be found in Fleet Street, observed the Victorian essayist Charles Lamb.

Replaced

Now, as the capital's fulcrum moves east, Fleet Street is being absorbed into London's financial district.

The gutted shells of the old newspaper buildings remain, largely because the city of London has designated the entire street a conservation area.

But behind the facades, the printing presses and newsrooms are being replaced with trading floors, and sophisticated com-

'Fleet Street' no longer home to London press

puters. Property values and rents have soared as London's blossoming financial markets compete for office space.

Up and down Fleet Street and the narrow lanes winding south to the River Thames and north to Holborn Street, the sounds of jackhammers and wrecking balls reverberate.

Trendy boutique have taken over the smoke-filled pubs and coffee shops known as "Caffs."

"You see lawyers and yuppies and filofaxes (appointment books) and walkie-talkie telephones and light grey shoes and swish (smart) suits and wine bars and fashion shops," lamented Webb, whose agency is one of the few remaining news organizations on Fleet Street.

"The old hacks... in straight suits, there are fewer of us around," he said.

The London Evening Standard was the first newspaper to capitalize on the property boom. Its former home on Shoe Lane was torn down for the head office of accountants Cooper and Lybrand.

In 1984, the Daily Telegraph sold its 1.15-acre (5-hectare) site

at 135 Fleet Street, complete with art deco lobby and penthouse lawn and garden. It is being developed into the European headquarters of Goldman Sachs, the US investment banking firm.

News International, which publishes the Sun and News of the World tabloids, plans to turn its Bouverie Street site into an office development.

The Financial Times' Bracken House headquarters in Cannon Street was sold to the Japanese construction firm Obayashi in 1986 for £143 million (then \$230 million). And the Daily Express is also moving out.

Only Robert Maxwell's Mirror group, publishers of the Daily Mirror, the Sunday Mirror and the Sunday People, has not announced plans to leave.

Keeping Maxwell Company are the news agencies — the Associated Press, directly behind the Mirror building, and Reuters, which shares the Press Association building.

The newspaper industry is the last major industry to leave central London, said Andrew Saint of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission.

"The flight of all major industry from the centre of the city is a pretty significant thing because industry is the lifeblood of any major city," Saint said. "It's an epoch in the history of any major city when industry leaves it."

Boundary

Fleet Street proper begins at Temple Bar, an ancient boundary marker for the city of London where the severed heads of traitors were displayed until customs changed in the 18th century.

Named after the nearby Fleet River, which now runs underground, it was one of medieval London's main routes between the government at Westminster and commerce in the city.

The first recorded printer — Wynkyn de Worde — arrived in about 1500 and set up shop near Shoe Lane where bookbinders worked. The first newspaper, the Daily Courant, arrived in 1702.

Diarrist Samuel Pepys was born in Salisbury Court, just off Fleet Street, in 1633. Samuel Johnson, the great writer and lexicographer, lived and worked in the area in the mid-18th century. His house is a museum now.

India remembers Indira Gandhi

By Nilova Roy

NEW DELHI. (AP): Huge banners in the capital urge people to remember Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, the "Messiah of the poor and downtrodden," on the fourth anniversary of her assassination, as a high court prepares to consider appeals filed on behalf of her killers.

The Congress Party, which she led for 16 years, is hosting a memorial rally in the city's centre today to pay homage to Mrs Gandhi, who was gunned down by Sikh extremists on Oct 31, 1984 and succeeded as prime minister by her son, Rajiv.

The address she lived at while in power, 1 Saldarjung Road, has been converted into a memorial. People regularly visit the museum, now included as part of every official guided tour of the city.

Reminder

For some, today will bring back painful memories of the violence triggered by Mrs Gandhi's death. More than 3,000 people died in subsequent riots in Delhi and northern India.

"For us, the 31st is more a reminder of the riots that followed," said Aniljit Kaur, a Sikh woman. "It still brings fear to my heart. I pray nothing like that happens again."

Mrs Gandhi was shot to death by two of her Sikh bodyguards, Beant Singh and Satwant Singh, in the garden of her official residence on Oct 31, 1984.

The two men are not related. The assassination followed a raid ordered by Mrs Gandhi on the Golden Temple of Amritsar, in an attempt to put down a Sikh revolt in the northern state of Punjab.

Convicted

Militants seeking an independent Sikh homeland in Punjab were holed up in the temple. Sikhism's holiest shrine. More than 1,000 people — most of them Sikhs — were killed in the raid. Beant Singh was shot and killed on the spot after Mrs Gandhi was shot, and Satwant Singh seriously wounded when other security guards opened fire.

After an eight-month trial, Satwant Singh was convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

The conviction and death sentence have been upheld by the Appellate Court and the Supreme Court.

A "black warrant" authorising his death by hanging was delivered to authorities at the maximum-security Tihar Jail in New Delhi, where he has been held since his trial started in 1985. Keshar Singh, a maternal uncle of Beant Singh, was arrested in November 1984 and charged with conspiring to murder Mrs Gandhi. He also was convicted and sentenced to death. He has appealed to President Ramaswamy Venkataraman for clemency.

After a series of trials that led to the convictions and lasted more than three years, appeals for staying the executions have been submitted to the Supreme Court in New Delhi.

Satwant Singh has refused to ask the president for mercy, according to his lawyer, Rupinder Singh Sodhi.

"He has lost faith in the judiciary and is resigned to his fate," Sodhi said.

Threats

Sodhi has faced death threats since he started to defend Satwant Singh. The threats, always by telephone, peaked after the trial court convicted his client.

"I sent my children away from Delhi after the initial calls, fearing for their lives," Sodhi said. "But we have now got used to these calls and have recalled the children."

Tomorrow, the supreme court will begin consideration of the appeals against the executions.

"I want to prove that there has been a flaw in the entire trial because it will set a bad precedent for all future cases," said Acltemesh Rein, a supreme court lawyer seeking the stay. "Admitting my petition proves that the prosecution's case is incomplete."

One senior government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the case proves the strength of the legal system.

"A man seen to have killed the country's prime minister in cold blood and changed the course of history in India is given every recourse to law and can take more than four years to be hanged... (that) speaks for itself," he said.

Sweden's big arms industry faces crisis from spending squeeze

By Alan Elsner

STOCKHOLM. (Reuters): Plagued by arms smuggling scandals, Sweden's arms industry now faces a new threat — a severe government squeeze on military spending and development.

At the same time, neutral Sweden's most expensive military project to date — a multi-purpose aircraft code-named Jas Gripen — has fallen behind schedule and is facing cost overruns with financial consequences for all the companies involved.

"The whole future for our defence industry is very insecure. It will face great difficulties if military spending stays at forecast levels," said defence staff spokesman Thomas Cur.

Sweden's arms industry is concentrated around a small number of firms, principally motor vehicle and aircraft companies Saab-Scania AB and Volvo, industrial conglomerate Nobel Industries AB, communications company Telefonaktiebolaget L.M. Ericsson and a number of state-owned enterprises.

Squeeze

Share analysts say all these firms stand to be affected by the squeeze, but Saab and Nobel seem most vulnerable.

The future of Sweden's defence posture, which backs up

its neutral stance, has sparked a heated political debate.

It began when supreme commander Bengt Gustafsson presented a plan in October outlining cuts needed for the armed forces to conform to state spending targets for the next five years. It recommends military budgets be broadly frozen at current levels.

"The resources that have been appropriated are not sufficient for carrying out the tasks that the state has placed upon the defence," Gustafsson said.

He identified several major prestige projects that Sweden would be unable to finance, including a new battle tank, advanced missiles to arm the Gripen and a training version of the plane.

Money

The centre-right opposition is now lobbying for more money for the armed forces from the Social Democratic government.

But Ericsson decided not to wait for the outcome of the debate. In late October, it suspended construction of a new radar and electronics plant, citing insufficient state orders.

"Reduced appropriations for material procurement by the Swedish armed forces, combined with possible reductions in export opportunities, could have been a heavy impact... on the

entire Swedish defence industry," said Ulf Johansson, president of Ericsson's radar division.

Bjorn Kager of the Swedish Defence Procurement Agency said several other companies could soon be facing similar decisions.

"Development projects and regular orders will go down. Part of the industry might have a hard time surviving," he said.

Like many small countries, Sweden is discovering that it cannot keep up with the massive costs of developing increasingly sophisticated weapons systems.

Compensate

In the past, Swedish companies tried to compensate for fluctuations in domestic orders by exporting, often ignoring strict government rules prohibiting arms sales to countries at war or in areas of conflict.

Police investigations established that Swedish arms were quietly sent to a long list of Third World nations on the forbidden list, including Iran and Syria.

After a series of embarrassing scandals, regulators have tightened rules and intensified their scrutiny of export orders.

The defence squeeze has put Saab in a particularly sensitive position, because it leads the consortium building the Gripen with a 65 per cent stake. Volvo and

Ericsson have 15 per cent each and the state-owned arms firm FFV the other five per cent.

Originally budgeted at 40.8 billion crowns (\$6.5 billion), the project has fallen 18 months behind schedule.

Saab spokesman Kai Hamerick said that a decision not to build the training version of the plane could be just as serious, hitting the company's prospects of exporting it.

"Finland, Denmark, Austria and Switzerland are all interested in the Gripen. But they have all said that a training version is a necessity for buying the aircraft," he said.

Hamerick said it was impossible to estimate cost overruns on the Gripen project itself, since these depended on how far behind the schedule the project eventually falls.

The consortium is tied to rigid fixed-price contracts with the state, so that the companies must bear any unforeseen costs.

The future of Saab's missile division also looks gloomy. It is working on an air-to-air and air-to-ground missile for the Gripen, but both seem likely to be cut, defence sources said.

The project to develop a new Swedish tank for the 1990s has major significance for the Bofors Division of Nobel Industries which accounts for about 40 per cent of company profits.

All US options on Lebanon on hold

By John Fullerton

BEIRUT. (Reuters): American policy in Lebanon, hyperactive until just a few weeks ago, has frozen ahead of the US presidential election, diplomats and analysts say.

Despite concern that Lebanon is sliding slowly but inevitably towards sectarian partition, and despite the unresolved plight of 10 American hostages, foreign diplomats say all options are "on hold" until a new US administration takes office in January.

Solution

Diplomats say that in Damascus, the Syrian leadership is equally reappraising its political and military involvement in Lebanese affairs.

But diplomats in the Lebanese capital say Syria and Washington must keep talking to find a solution.

"You can say the door to a solution of the Lebanese crisis is still in Damascus," said a West European diplomat. "And the key to that door is in Washington. Americans and Syrians must keep talking to find an answer."

In the search towards this and in an attempt to stave off formal partition of Lebanon into Muslim and Christian mini-states, Washington had agreed with Damascus a compromise candidate both states hoped would be accepted last month as Lebanon's next head of state.

The joint approach failed. The presidential election did not take place. Lebanon remained without a president and with two rival administrations. One Christian, the other Muslim-led, each vying for recognition as the legitimate power.

One Western diplomat, asked if US policy was now limited to reacting to events, replied:

"American foreign policy has become politicised over the years... interest in Lebanon waxes and wanes. Here and now it's at a level below the reactive."

US envoys, working from a heavily-protected, hillside complex in the capital's eastern Christian enclave, still visit politicians and community leaders across the civil war barricades, listening to their arguments, and writing up dispatches for the State Department in Washington.

Activity

The passive watching-and-waiting contrasts sharply with US diplomatic activity over the past two months aimed at persuading Syria's Lebanese foes to accept compromise.

"Maybe we misread the situation," said one diplomat. "We thought in terms of the chaos that might follow a failure to elect a new president."

Chaos did not ensue. In 13 years of civil war the Lebanese had become used to living without strong central government.

They have learned to adapt to sudden change in the fortunes of local political leaders and their foreign patrons, and to regard both with scepticism.

Is the rapport between Washington and Syria still viable?

"Very much so," said a specialist in Lebanese-US links. "As far as America is concerned, it still stands."

Syria has long had a strategic stake in Lebanon, and keeps some 25,000 troops in the north and east of the country.

But Washington underestimated the strength of opposition to Syrian influence among Lebanon's Maronite Christians, who feared a Syrian-backed head of state would eventually undermine their communal identity.

W. German ties with Soviets

Kohl breaks the ice

By Susan Cornwell

MOSCOW. (Reuters): Chancellor Helmut Kohl's visit to Moscow has boosted West German-Soviet ties to their best level since the conservative leader took office six years ago.

But for Bonn, the division of Germany still remains a problem in their relations — exposing the limits of a rapprochement between two major powers in opposing alliances with a bitter legacy of war and mistrust behind them.

At the end of his three days of official talks on Wednesday, Kohl and his delegation of ministers and businessmen said the sessions had succeeded beyond their expectations.

They had new accords on co-operation in space, nuclear power, culture, agriculture, and the environment as well as over 30 newly-signed business deals to take home on Thursday.

The Christian Democratic chancellor spoke of a new phase in relations with Moscow, and Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev agreed, saying: "The ice has been broken."

Statement

But there was no joint statement of political principles although one is promised for Gorbachev's visit to Bonn next year. The word "friendly" did not appear in official accounts of the talks, which were instead labelled "constructive."

Both sides emphasised their continuing differences, especially on reunification of the two Germans, Bonn's long-term goal which Moscow fiercely opposes.

The most dramatic announcement Kohl made at the end of the talks — that the Soviet Union would release its political prisoners by the end of the year — did not have a direct bearing on Soviet-West German ties.

And Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov's comments suggested that any such Soviet decision was not made during the West German visit, but had evolved at European security talks in Vienna.

Kohl acknowledged the going would be slow in improving Soviet-West German relations, when he was asked at his closing news conference what concrete political gains he had won in return for West Germany's willingness to expand trade links.

"You can't add up politics like the federal budget office, from January to December," he said.

"We are working on the period that lies before us."

At the same time he defended himself against suggestions that the warmup with the leader of the Warsaw Pact had already gone too far and could weaken Bonn's commitment to NATO.

More than once he mentioned West Germany's post-World War II reconciliation with France, which began in the 1960s when the country's first chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, visited Paris.

"At that time people asked, will it pay off? And I would say now it has paid off," Kohl said. Kohl spent 10 hours with Gorbachev this week in his first full-scale talks with the leader. They had only met briefly once before at the 1985 funeral of Gorbachev's predecessor, Konstantin Chernenko.

Soviet-West German relations were better during the 1970s East-West détente era, while Kohl's Social Democratic predecessors Helmut Schmidt and Willy Brandt were in power. Schmidt met the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev five times between 1974 and 1981.

Brandt set what Gorbachev calls a "milestone in European and world politics," with his 1970 visit to Moscow to launch a policy of West German rapprochement, or "ostpolitik," with the East after two decades of cold war.

Gorbachev lauded Brandt's role during his speech at a dinner in Kohl's honour on Monday evening, in what some West German sources interpreted as a dig at the current chancellor.

The chill that set into West German-Soviet relations after Kohl came to power in 1982 was partly due to East-West tensions over the deployment of new nuclear missiles in Europe.

Kohl also had a reputation as a pro-American, tough-on-the-Russians leader, supportive of West German groups still demanding the

By Ann Kent

A NEW antenatal screening test developed at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London will eventually remove the fear of having a Down's syndrome baby from many more women, regardless of their age.

The new work has used computers to refine and extend information from blood testing so that doctors can decide which pregnant mothers are at risk, and so need to have amniocentesis. As a result, twice as many Down's babies are expected to be identified before birth.

Like most antenatal screening methods, of course, it offers individual mothers a harsh choice. If the test result is confirmed by amniocentesis, they must decide between having an abnormal child or undergoing a later abortion than most women would want.

However, foetal medicine has much more to offer than this. The last ten years have seen amazing advances in genetics alongside new techniques for examining, treating and even operating on sick babies before they are born.

The newest antenatal screening procedures, using genetic probes to search for defects, are cost-effective only when used on high-risk foetuses: as the tests are refined, however, they are likely to be offered to all pregnant women.

Sites Scientists have mapped out the chromosomal sites of a number of major genetic disorders, including one form of muscular dystrophy, haemophilia and Huntington's chorea, and they are on the verge of identifying the cystic fibrosis gene.

It is expected that by the turn of the century, every human gene will have been identified. This information will allow doctors to screen parents and unborn babies for an ever-growing range of defects.

When this knowledge is combined with test tube baby technology, it will be possible to perform an embryonic health check inside the womb before implanting the foetus — in fact, this procedure will be attempted by Professor Robert Winston at London's Hammersmith Hospital before the year is out.

Winston, director of Hammersmith's infertility clinic,

On our way to the perfect baby



said this week: "Initially we envisage using these procedures on women whose babies are known to be at risk of conditions such as cystic fibrosis. They will be given drugs to increase the number of eggs they produce, and these will be removed and then fertilized using in vitro methods. Two days later one of the cells from each embryo will be removed and tested by means of a gene probe."

The next step, genetic manipulation, is an even more mind-boggling prospect. This involves the introduction of ova genetic material in the hope that it will supersede the faulty original. American researchers have already used a form of genetic therapy to cure thalassaemia (an inherited blood defect) and diabetes in mice.

But Dr Michael Thomas of the British Medical Association's board of science and education, and a member of the

EEC working party on gene mapping, is deeply concerned at the prospect.

He points out that many people carry recessive genes — which result in handicap only when those people have babies with other carriers of the same gene. In the case of cystic fibrosis, for example, one person in 20 carries the gene.

However, it has recently been discovered that the CF gene

protects against hunchback plague.

Dr Thomas warns: "It would be very easy to remove genes from the human pool because they seem to have no function, and then discover that they offer important protection against disease. If we fiddle around and reduce the numbers of these genes, we could find ourselves very exposed if another disease like AIDS turns

probes we need, we should be able to offer women whose babies are at risk a 99 per cent chance of avoiding a specific defect. We can already do this with sickle cell disease and thalassaemia, although there is a problem with some diseases which have many individual mutations."

At London's King's College Hospital Professor Stuart Campbell and his team are working on ways of treating sick babies while they are still in the womb.

Gauge

One of the commonest problems faced by the foetus, delayed growth and oxygen starvation, can now be successfully treated. Foetal growth retardation occurs when the baby's lifeline, the placenta, starts to fail.

This means the baby does not receive the oxygen, glucose and proteins it needs to grow normally. Once a sample of the

baby's blood has been tested to establish the diagnosis, the King's College team give the pregnant mother oxygen — sometimes for several weeks at a time. The success of the treatment is restoring blood flow to the organs can be monitored by means of the latest ultrasound equipment.

Foetal blood sampling also means that doctors can gauge exactly how much blood they need to transfuse into rhesus babies. The transfusions, once injected into the abdominal cavity in the hope that they would be absorbed, can now be placed straight into the umbilical vein.

Campbell's team is also able to take tiny pieces of foetal skin or liver tissue to check for specific genetic or metabolic disorders. A former colleague, Professor Charles Rodeck, perfected a procedure in which a tiny catheter is implanted in the foetal chest, abdomen, or bladder to relieve pressure from pools of fluid which threaten its survival.

However, the choice of patient is crucial in these cases: "While these are undoubtedly life-saving procedures, we wouldn't wish to change the outcome of a pregnancy so that a baby which might have died from the condition ends up with crippling chronic renal disease. Refinements of our diagnostic tests will help to avoid this problem," Campbell says.

He is keen to stress that refined ultrasound techniques have much more potential than genetic probes in the prevention of handicap. "The commonest congenital problems are not single gene defects but defects of the heart and the spinal cord, which can be diagnosed very well by routine ultrasound scanning, available to pregnant women all over the country."

In about 50 per cent of King's College cases, the detection of abnormalities is followed by a decision to abort. "We don't tell parents what to do, but we counsel them about what handicap the abnormality will cause."

"But ultrasound isn't just about termination. It often picks up problems which can be helped, provided the baby is born in a centre which has the facilities to operate. Screening and treating unborn babies does save lives."

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Hope for vaccine against leprosy

By Galina Vroman

THE HAGUE, (Reuter): With unlikely help from armadillos, experts are developing a new vaccine aimed at combating leprosy — one of the world's oldest recorded diseases.

The vaccine currently being tested in Malawi and Venezuela could help reduce the disease, which still afflicts about 15 to 20 million people world-wide, according to experts at an international leprosy conference in The Hague last month.

"We expect that the vaccine will work both on people who have never been infected and on those who are in a high risk group because they are already infected," said Shaikh Noordeen, head of the World Health Organisation's (WHO's) leprosy programme.

Some 30,000 people have been inoculated with the vaccine in Venezuela, another 120,000 are receiving it in Malawi and a third project involving some 300,000 recipients is expected to begin in India next year, he said.

The vaccine, called KLM (killed micro-bacterium leprae) is being used in a combination with a tuberculosis vaccine known as BCG (bacillus calmette-guerin).

"We have evidence that BCG is imparting some protection against leprosy in some populations. We are trying to see if combining it with KLM will be more effective," said Paul Fine, co-ordinator for the project in Karonga, in north Malawi.

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It was only after a scientist in Louisiana in the early 1970s found that the bacteria could be grown in armadillos — suitable because of their lower body temperature — that experts could produce enough antigens to develop a vaccine.

"Until the armadillo came along, leprosy was in the dark ages," said Fine, an epidemiologist at London University's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Problems

"Aside from scientific problems, developing a vaccine was held up by social factors. Leprosy has a stigmatising image and lots of people don't know it exists anymore," he said.

Funding from the WHO helped solve the problem of the high cost of buying armadillos, and a concerted effort to interest scientists in the disease has spurred the fight against leprosy, he said.

Several experts said that if the vaccine turned out to be effective, a method to produce the antigen using new genetic engineering techniques could probably be developed.

Because leprosy has a long incubation period of up to 20 years, it will take years to discover whether the vaccine is effective. Scientists hope to have some preliminary results in two to three years.

But even if the vaccine works, it is unclear how widely it will be used. A combination of drugs and surgery has been successful in curing the disease in many of its victims. What remains to be seen is whether it is more viable to prevent the disease than treat the afflicted.

Some 91 per cent of leprosy cases are concentrated in 19 countries, with India containing about one third of all cases. Brazil alone has 70 per cent of all cases in Latin America.

"There's little doubt that a vaccine effective in populations where leprosy is endemic would be useful but there are still questions about whether it should be used on whole populations," said Noordeen.

The facts about migraine

Q: How do I know if I've got a migraine or a headache?

A: Headaches usually affect the whole head, particularly if they're caused by tension — the whole head throbs and it feels as if there's a tight band pressing down or around the outside. Unlike a migraine, the pain of a tension headache is usually dull and persistent. A migraine is a much more severe pain and is usually accompanied by nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite.

With a classic migraine, the sufferer will often have warning symptoms such as blurred or shimmering vision and maybe partial loss of sight. Sometimes the sufferer may have diarrhoea with the vomiting. A common migraine sufferer is less likely to have these warning symptoms, but will still vomit. The worst of the migraines is the cluster headache, which tends to occur in bouts over periods of between two weeks to three months. The pain is intense, often located behind the eye and may be accompanied by a reddening and watering eye and a blocked nostril.

Q: How long will an attack usually last?

A: The warning symptoms, or aura, in a classic migraine will usually last for only 15 to 20 minutes, but the headache may last for anything from an hour to a day or, sometimes, in the worst cases, for two days. Cluster headaches occur several times in 24 hours with each attack lasting from between about 20 minutes and two hours.

Q: I've found that if I'm under stress this can bring on a migraine, but are there any other causes?

A: Experts believe that a

What is it?

A migraine is a severe recurring headache. There are three main types of migraine: cluster headache, classical, and common, though you may find that your attacks take different forms at different times.

What causes it?

There are many different theories about what triggers off an attack, but it generally affects younger people — many sufferers have their first migraine when they are children. It's thought that it's triggered by a constriction and

dilation of the blood vessels in the brain, due to changing levels of chemicals such as adrenaline which circulate in the body.

What treats it?

Many people worry when they have their first migraine attack that they may have something as serious as a brain tumour, so for your own peace of mind, talk to a doctor. While there is so far no known cure for migraine, anti-sickness tablets can be taken for the vomiting. There are also various anti-migraine medicines which can bring relief.



migraine can even be set off by a change in the weather or a loud noise. More than 60 per cent of people who suffer from migraines blame chocolate and doctors now believe red wine can also trigger an attack. It is also a sad fact that three times more women than men suffer from migraines — this is probably because of a drop in hormone levels.

Q: I'm currently taking the Pill. Will this make my migraines any worse?

A: While taking the Pill doesn't affect all migraine sufferers it can at times make the headaches worse and, if it does, it's important to tell your doctor so he can recommend an alternative form of contraception. About seven per cent of women who take the Pill suffer from headaches, but these can usually be relieved by ordinary pain-killers. Sometimes, though, the Pill actually helps women suffering from migraines and in most cases it

doesn't affect migraines at all.

Q: My daughter has been suffering from migraines for the past two years. Is there anything I can do?

A: Headaches are common in children and migraines often start when they are toddlers. The best thing to do is to put the child to bed, keep her warm and encourage her to drink as much as possible. You should call a doctor but, while you're waiting, give your daughter the recommended dose of a paracetamol to bring down her temperature. If your daughter vomits during an attack, the doctor can prescribe an anti-sickness tablet. Often, attacks are brought on by excitement or anger and there's really nothing that can be done to control this so it's important that you don't become too anxious as this will affect the child even more.

Q: How can I avoid an attack?

A: If you suffer from cluster headaches there is little you can do, as they appear to be linked with seasonal changes. Doctors are still puzzled by the reasons people — usually men — suffer from this form of migraine. However, if you fall into the other two categories, there are a number of things you can do — such as not missing meals. But you should also watch what you eat. If you think it's a particular type of food which sets off an attack, then make a note to try to avoid it, providing you maintain a balanced diet.

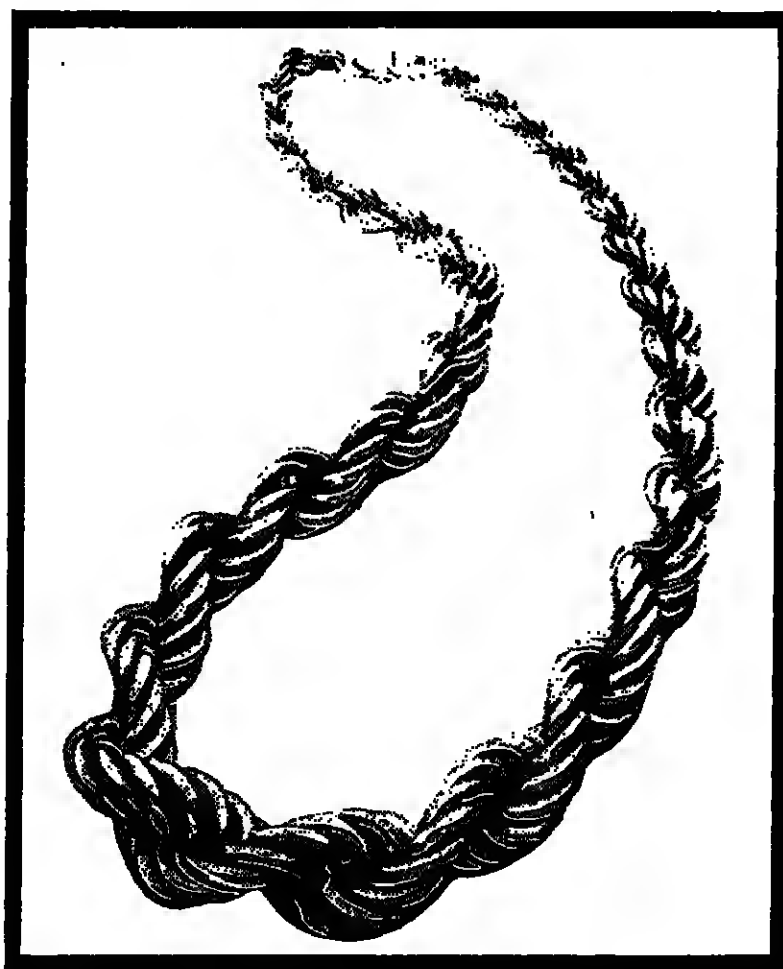
Extremes of temperature and bright, dazzling light can be precipitating factors, so don't sunbathe excessively. If you are near the sea or the snow, try to wear sunglasses to cut down the glare. Make sure you get plenty of sleep.

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ART

World heritage on show

An island of culture in Paris' Manhattan

By Pascale Teinac

BENEATH the esplanade at La Defense, a couple of steps away from the skyscrapers and the gigantic arch closing the long vista from the Louvre to Concorde Square, the Arc de Triomphe and La Defense, a tiny island of culture emerged two years ago, illuminating the austere horizon of this decentralized office district.

"Art 4" — Patrimoine du Monde (World Heritage) is a gallery dependent on the Public Establishment for Amenities at La Defense (EPAD), situated in the very centre of the district, opposite the statue of La Defense, right near the fountain designed by Agam, and whose vocation is to host exhibitions presenting significant and often little known elements of the world heritage. This mission has been superbly accomplished, judging by the quality of the six exhibitions which have followed on from one another there and which have been crowned by the present showing of an exceptional collection of oriental weapons.

The naïf painters of Brazil had opened the way in autumn 1986, with a collection of paintings, gouaches, lithographs and tapestries, full of charm, gaiety and poetry.

This art, which is called primitive and is an expression of the Brazilian cultural identity to its everyday life and imagination, celebrates Catholic saints as well as the "orixas" of Candomblé, football, the samba, fairs, wedding processions with ox-drawn carts and magnificent cows at their drinking troughs.

This was followed by the arrival of Japanese Samurai, fearsome, sumptuously armed warriors. Armour made of thin, riveted metal sheet, skirted breastplates in lacquered iron, helmets with ear-flaps and neck protectors, terrifying iron masks, leather head-gear, brocade underclothes for armour, and lacquer and silver sabres... All the war apparel of

the Shoguns and their troops was there, coming from some private collections.

The hundred or so art objects or articles from the everyday life of American Indians, which were next exhibited at "Art 4", came from the museum of Decever. It was almost a revelation as this form of "primitive" civilisation is far less known in Europe than African or Asian civilisations.

There is a great diversity in the way it manifests itself as it varies from one tribe to another. Thus, ceramic art was highly developed among the Indians in the south of the United States (Pueblos, Hopis, and Anasazi), weaving among the Navajos in the south-west, and wood-carving on the north-west coast.

The masks often represent the supernatural, or evoke creatures from tribal legends. Jewellery and wickerwork is still just as widely made by Indian artists.

The end of last year saw a picturesque interlude with Italian puppets which had come from Milan for a three month stay at La Defense. A touch of childhood and illusion were brought by Harlequin, Punch and Judy, characters from opera or melodrama, highwayman and Sicilian "puppi".

New masterpieces at the beginning of this year include a magnificent collection of masks from all over the world. Africa is naturally the leader in this field with splendid Dan, Senufo and Baoule masks from the Ivory Coast, Fang and Fon masks from Gabon, and Bambara masks from Mali. Asia supplied strange masks of protecting deities or of evil powers, of healing spirits, or from the Japanese No theatre. From Oceania came masks used in dances or for funeral or initiation rituals. Europe contributed carnival or animal masks.

To provide a didactic explanation of the "mask phenomenon", the "Maison des Cultures du Monde" which had organised this exhibition



A Colombian mask on display in the 'Art 4' Gallery, Paris.

had called it "The Mask and the Five Worlds," the world of the dead, the world of medicine-men and healers, the world of evil spirits, the world of mythical animals, and the world of the living.

The latest exhibition at "Art 4", called "The Splendour of Oriental Weapons" gathers together some 250 objects which, in their (warlike) way tell the history of Islam: the Ottoman conquest, the sacking of Delhi in India, the siege of Vienna in 1693, the battle of Omdurman in Sudan, etc. With sabres, swords, daggers, pistols, spears and stirrups, it is the first time that such a rich and varied assembly of oriental arms, gathered together by private collectors, is on exhibition.

Mogul India has produced extraordinary daggers and knives in carved jade with borse, camels or moulons' heads, sabres in gold and jewels, and archers' rings in walrus ivory. Arabia carved daggers in gilded silver, and Ancient Persia was a master in the art of damascening. Turkey was an expert in equestrian arms for its all-powerful cavalry.

This display of Islamic weapons covers six centuries and a vast area over several continents.



These Manhattan-type skyscrapers house a world of culture.

The "Art 4" gallery has a few more marvellous surprises in store as it is shortly to be used as an exhibition centre by the Fonds National d'Art Contemporain which is to be set up in La Defense. This whole programme is going to brighten up this Parisian Manhattan.

Rembrandt's humanity, character emphasis distinguishes painter

Intriguing art lovers for centuries

By Theodore F. Wolff

NEW YORK: None of the Old Masters is more relevant today than Rembrandt — not only because of his profound humanity and emphasis on character, but also because he and his art can be understood, even at its deepest level, without specialized knowledge or training.

The latter is important in a time when obscurity and ambiguity in art are almost certain to be intentional and when painting all too frequently is perceived as a pictorial code only a few are sufficiently sophisticated to comprehend.

With Rembrandt, everything is frank, open, and accessible — even to a child of 10. Of course, a child might not like the dignified, often solemn older people half hidden in shadow that he delighted to paint. But even a child would know that these were real men and women and that the mood they project represents something special and true.

What that something is has intrigued art lovers since the late 17th century. Opinions have varied, sometimes dramatically, but most experts have agreed that the key to Rembrandt's greatness is depth, and the source of his extraordinary effectiveness lay in his ability to infuse even the most ordinary with dignity and character.

He may not have been the most exemplary of men (witness Gary Schwartz's recent book, *Rembrandt, His Life, His Paintings*), but as an artist he was both wise and profound — and possibly more compassionate than any painter before or since.

His achievement came about because of his enormous capacity for creative growth. One of art's all-time miracles is Rembrandt's transformation from a moderately talented and insensitive youth to one of the world's greatest artists. It's a process one can follow by watching his art unfold, by observing its progress from youthful clumsiness to mature, heart-warming depth and grandeur.



Detail from Rembrandt's most well-known work, the Nightwatch.

It is this amazing progression that sets Rembrandt apart from everyone else and makes him so relevant today.

Depth, after all, is out of fashion in the art of the 1980s. And so, by and large, are dignity, character, and compassion. What we have, instead, are an impressive amount of inventiveness, wit, passion, and entertainment; a modicum of brilliance; and many more self-conscious and silly attempts at profundity and originality than anyone could have imagined even three decades ago. But why should we be surprised? Aren't we the ones, after all, who defined originality as being different and creative growth as always trying something new?

Fortunately, we do realize that Rembrandt and his peers can give us something we can't get elsewhere. And so we go to the museums in ever-greater numbers to pay homage to him and the other Old Masters. But we do so, all too often, in the same spirit in which we sometimes attend church — with self-congratulatory

awareness that we are doing the "right thing."

Now, by itself, there's nothing very wrong with that. It can be harmful, though, if we believe that those few reverential moments in a museum entitle us to ignore the rather limited nature of our own art. Or to conclude that our respectful acknowledgment of artistic greatness in earlier centuries excuses us from insisting on it in our own.

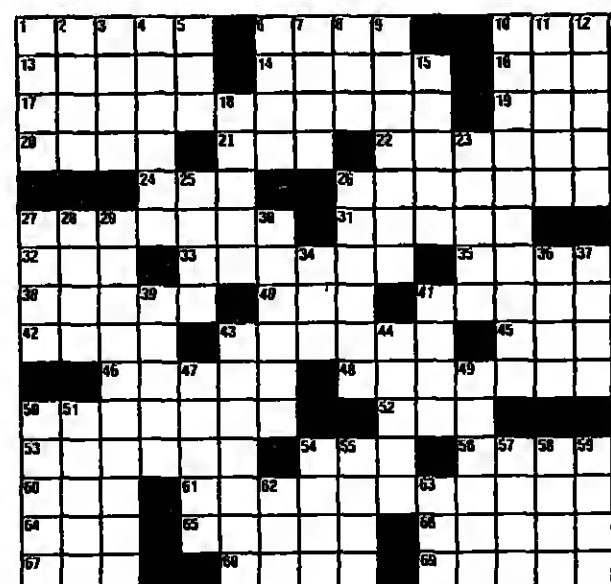
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It's true, of course, that art cannot be willed into existence, that it must take root and evolve in its own manner within an artist's consciousness. And great art, because it is a profound and often highly complex manifestation of the human spirit striving for ever-greater symbolic realization, is always something of a surprise and a miracle. As such we must accept it. We cannot dictate it or decree that it must meet certain standards or follow a set pattern, for to do so would turn it into something lifeless and predictable.

What we can do, however, is to provide fertile ground within which it can be conceived and grow. And support the ideals of depth and greatness with at least as much passion as we expend in our pursuit of sensation and the "new." That, in itself, won't produce artistic miracles, but it might create the climate in which they can more frequently occur. If, on the other hand, we do nothing but express satisfaction at whatever the art world throws our way, we may very well end up looking to the past for everything truly significant in art.

Given this situation, we would be wise to look more seriously to the Old Masters for standards of excellence, integrity, and commitment. (But not, let me hasten to add, for examples of style or technique.) And, if asked which of the Old Masters I consider most relevant today, I'd name Rembrandt, for none is more worthy or more challenging to our often limited goals and ideals than he. 1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 1 "Roots" writer
 - 8 — Bay, Oregon
 - 10 Folklore queen
 - 13 Book by Byrd
 - 14 Obliterated
 - 16 Nabokov novel
 - 17 Tolstoy epic
 - 19 Hays
 - 20 Appear to be
 - 21 Thing, to annoy
 - 22 Kind of oil
 - 24 Big bird
 - 26 6-line stanzas
 - 27 Casino principals
 - 31 Admit
 - 32 Blunder
 - 33 Facial feature
 - 35 Where Arequipa is
 - 38 White heron
 - 40 Roman Cath.
 - 41 Genus of mosquitoes
 - 42 Place for a dip
 - 43 Glanced
 - 45 Compass reading
 - 46 Stiff cotton fabric
 - 48 More severe
 - 50 Classifies
 - 52 Chemical suffix
 - 53 Small active bird
 - 54 Fall mo.
 - 56 "Germinal" author
 - 60 — Lanka
 - 61 Alcott narrative
 - 64 Have a meal
 - 65 Author Sinclair
 - 66 Upright
 - 67 Certain
 - 68 Up in arms
 - 69 Actress Hillar
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 - 3 Traditional knowledge
 - 4 Cloisonné feature
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 - 6 Cloak
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 - 8 Stop — dime
 - 9 Follow
 - 10 London novel
 - 11 Something supplemented
 - 12 Iraqi port
 - 15 In any case
 - 18 "Advise and Consant" author
 - 23 Short plant stalk
 - 25 Come upon
 - 26 Moves furtively
 - 27 Hard to understand
 - 28 Therefore
 - 29 Novel by
 - 30 Dice naturals
 - 34 "To Kill a Mockingbird" author
 - 36 Philosopher Descartes
 - 37 Consumer
 - 39 Author of "Silas Marner"
 - 41 Yemen capital
 - 43 Hamburgers, for example
 - 44 Day's march
 - 47 Question intensely
 - 49 Alter district lines
 - 50 Perplexed
 - 51 Short-billed birds
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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SOUTH
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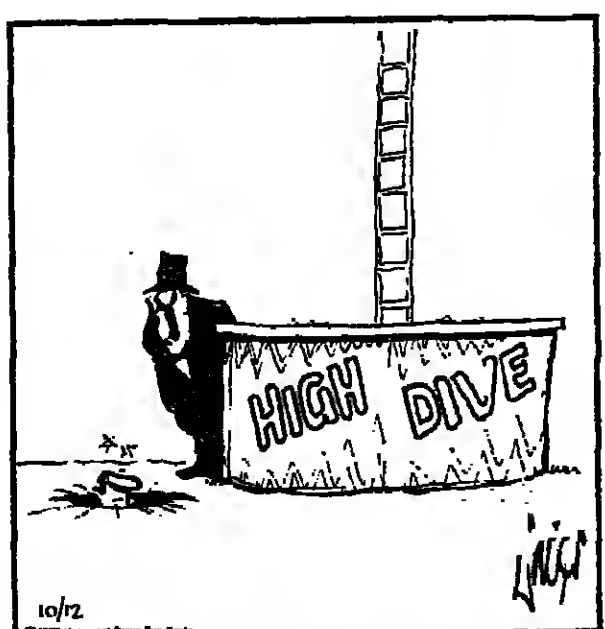
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Some defensive plays have been around so long they have almost become routine. However, that doesn't mean that they won't still succeed. This one we first came across at the Second World Bridge Olympiad, held in New York in 1964. The East defender then was Benito Garozzo, one of the greatest players in the history of the game. At his second turn South, who

was playing five-card majors, had a choice between showing a major or jumping to two no trump. With two good majors and a ruffing value, he elected to introduce one of his suits and, once the 4-4 fit was located, the heart game became the natural choice.

Declarer won the opening lead with the king of clubs, cashed the ace and ruffed a club with the ten. Had East overruled with the jack, declarer would have been forced to make his contract. Since he still would have to concede two diamond tricks, he could not afford to lose another trump trick as well. The percentage play would have been to take a finesse, and all would have been well.

Consider what would happen if, instead, East were to overrule with the king instead of the jack, as Garozzo did. We have yet to find a defender who would assume that the defender was falsecarding from a four-card holding including the king-jack. The natural way to proceed is to assume that West holds the jack of trumps, so when declarer regains the lead he would automatically cash the ace-queen of the suit, expecting to fell West's knave. Down one!



"I had to give everyone their money back!"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brandi Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

At first things will be rather stressful but later you will be more able to relax. Make sure you do not expose yourself to extremes of temperature. Avoid taking a needless gamble. Be more observant.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should not neglect your personal affairs. You will not be in the best of moods and should take care not to offend anyone. Mars' influence will help you to make up your mind. Be moderate.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Mercury's more favourable influence will help you to get on well with others. You should try to show a little more sympathy. You should make sure you remember a birthday anniversary. Be amenable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to make up your mind. You should not do anything too unusual just now. Avoid being in too great a hurry. Be generous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will know just what to do in the circumstances. Make sure you get enough exercise, nothing too strenuous. Avoid wasting time or dissipating your energies. Be flexible.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will have some good ideas but they need developing. You should make yourself just a little more approachable. Do not do anything that might injure your health. Be versatile.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You should try to keep an open mind on the subject at issue. Do not let others dictate to you but do take notice of what they say. Avoid driving too fast. Be hospitable.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You are more likely to make mistakes so take a little extra care. The influences are mixed and this is not time to take gamble. A problem that seemed difficult will prove to be nothing of the kind. Be less pessimistic.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should try to exercise a little more self-control. There will be an unexpected and unavoidable expense so keep a little more in reserve. Look out for careless drivers. Be considerate.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The Moon's less favourable influence means that more care is needed. You should do all you can to avoid getting into an argument. Do not hesitate to pay compliments. Be tactful.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You should keep an open mind towards change. Remember that first impressions often deceive. One kind word is worth more than ten brusque ones. Be magnanimous.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

This is a good day on which to make some changes you have been thinking about. If you are in the wrong do admit it. Eat fewer sweet things. Be reasonable.



Trees: mankind's best friend against global warming

Forests, particularly in developing nations, are being destroyed at an alarming rate. Scientists warn that a tree felled by a logger or consumed by fire is doubly dangerous: not only will it no longer consume carbon dioxide, its death releases stored carbon dioxide to join the atmospheric accumulation that will produce major climatic changes in the twenty-first century.

By David Goeller

WASHINGTON (AP): Trees, forest upon forest of them, are being advanced as one of mankind's best friends in future efforts to combat global overheating from the "greenhouse effect."

Right now, however, trees represent one of the earth's worst enemies as forests are destroyed throughout the world.

Left alone, trees are storage "sinks" that consume large quantities of carbon dioxide, the worst of the greenhouse gases that scientists say are collecting in the atmosphere and trapping heat that once escaped into space.

But a tree felled by a logger or consumed by fire is doubly dangerous: not only will it no longer

consume carbon dioxide, its death releases stored carbon dioxide to join the atmospheric accumulation that scientists say will produce major global climate changes in the 21st century.

The scientists' warnings are coming at a time when forests, particularly in developing nations, are being destroyed at record rates.

"It is generally agreed that global deforestation, particularly in the tropics, accounts for approximately 20 per cent of the annual injection of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere," Daniel Dudek, senior economist for the private Environmental Defence Fund of the United States, told the US Senate's energy and natural resources committee last week.

He said forest destruction

producing these emissions involved more than 24.5 million acres (9.9 million hectares) a year.

"This global total dwarfs our own domestic losses this summer," he said. The forest fires that ravaged the American West this summer affected 4 million acres (1.6 million hectares).

David Wirth, senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defence Council, another private group, said that because of "massive destruction" of forests, "Brazil currently ranks third, after the United States and the Soviet Union, in overall contribution to the carbon burden of the atmosphere."

Cutting down tropical forests to make land available for agriculture is especially widespread in the Amazon

basin, said Robert McNeal of the earth sciences and applications division of the US Space Agency.

"If only half of the Amazon basin were covered with forests, it would absorb 20 per cent of the carbon which is presently released into the atmosphere" globally, he said.

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He also said the basin is the source of about 12 per cent of the methane, another greenhouse gas, that reaches the atmosphere from wetlands. Replacing forests with wetlands or rice agriculture would likely mean more methane production in the tropics, he said.

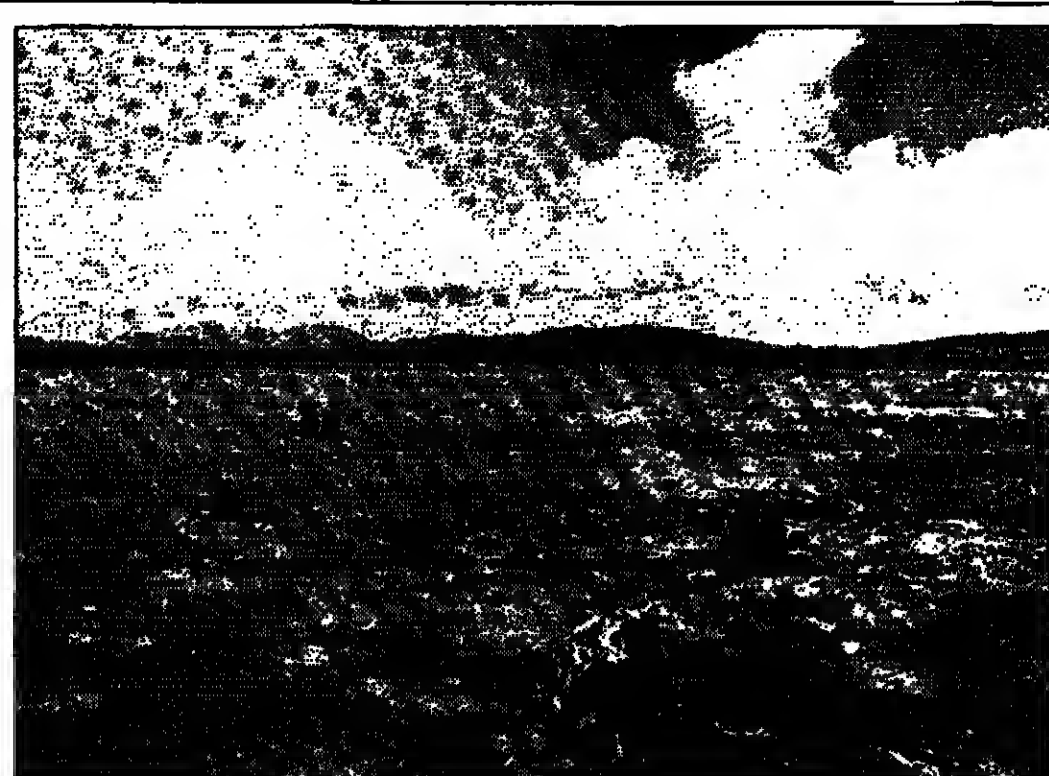
Committee witnesses said that unlike the United States and Europe, which actively plant new trees to replace

harvested forests, many Third World trees are not replaced.

"Only a very small percentage of the world's tropical forests are being managed," said Richard Bissell, assistant administrator of the US Agency for International Development, which is now stressing resource management to countries receiving its assistance.

Planting new forests to absorb carbon dioxide sounds like a simple solution — until the magnitude of the job is considered.

"Sequestering five gigatons per year of carbon from the atmosphere, an amount roughly equal to current annual additions, would require between 1.28 billion and 1.65 billion acres (500 million to 670 million hectares) of new plantation forests,"



Global deforestation, particularly in the tropics, accounts for approximately 20 per cent of the annual injection of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Dudek said. "By comparison, the total land area of the United States is 2.27 billion acres (920 million hectares)."

Greg Marland of the environmental sciences division of the US government's Oak Ridge National Laboratory estimated that under current US forest management practices, this nation would need about 4 billion acres (1.6 billion hectares) of trees to offset its emissions of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere from all sources.

Formula

He told the Senate panel that a minimum anti-greenhouse strategy requires that new sources of carbon to the atmosphere be offset by carbon traps, such as new trees.

Marland gave a formula for offsetting carbon dioxide emis-

sions from a coal-fired 1,000 megawatt power plant: surround it with sycamores spaced four feet (1.2 metres) apart to a radius of 15.3 miles (24.7 kilometres) and harvest the trees every four years, because younger trees absorb more carbon dioxide than mature trees.

Gary Moll, vice president of the American Forestry Association, said Third World tropical forests are not the only places trees are being lost.

"Our urban forests are dying," he said. "A 1987 survey done by the association indicated that on average four (urban) trees are dying or being removed for every new one planted today," he said.

"We estimate that there are somewhere on the order of 100 million 'tree spaces' in urban communities where new trees

are urgently needed," Moll said. "Planting those trees could result in a savings of... as much as 18 million tons of carbon dioxide production a year."

Dale Robertson, chief of the US Forest Service said that trees offer a partial solution to global warming, but he sounded an ominous note about the droughts that scientists say will be part of the greenhouse process.

Robertson said the dry years have had "a serious effect on our forest resources," sparking killer fires, weakening seedlings and leaving drought-stressed trees more susceptible to insect attack.

"A serious potential effect of a change in our world's climate would be changes in tree growth and yield," Robertson said.

By Roger Highfield

SCIENTISTS are considering "atmospheric engineering" to halt the effects of the damage being done to the Earth's atmosphere, notably the global warming caused by the greenhouse effect and the damage done to the planet's protective ozone layer.

Now, bold and fantastic ideas in atmospheric engineering — further, man-made changes — are being suggested to heal our ailing atmosphere.

Dr Richard Warrick of the Climatic Research Unit, who is studying the greenhouse effect, regards them as impractical. Dr Joe Farman of the British Antarctic Survey, who led the team that discovered the ozone hole in 1985, calls them "fun".

Both emphasise that prevention through limiting discharges is better than cure. Atmospheric engineering is technically feasible. But, said Dr Farman: "We are not clever enough to try it yet. Our understanding of the atmosphere is so bad we would be foolish to try."

Scientists studying atmospheric engineering argue that limitation of man-made discharges by agreements such as the Montreal protocol need what Dr Wallace Broecker of Columbia University calls a "global insurance policy".

"We ought at least to consider how we would bail ourselves out if things go badly. Think about the year 2010 — the temptation to engineer climate is going to be extraordinarily high," he said.

Current concern about changes in atmospheric chemistry focuses on the production of carbon dioxide by the burning of fossil fuels, which has been linked to global warming, and the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in aerosols and foam packaging, which are responsible for damaging the ozone layer protecting us from harmful ultraviolet radiation.

● **Saving the ozone layer** — Dr Thomas Six of Princeton University suggests spending \$10 billion on a Star Wars-style infra-red laser installation to blast harmful chemicals such as CFCs out of the Earth's atmosphere before they have the opportunity to damage the ozone layer.

The trick would be to tune the energy of the lasers so that the energy of the beam is absorbed only by CFCs and no other molecules.

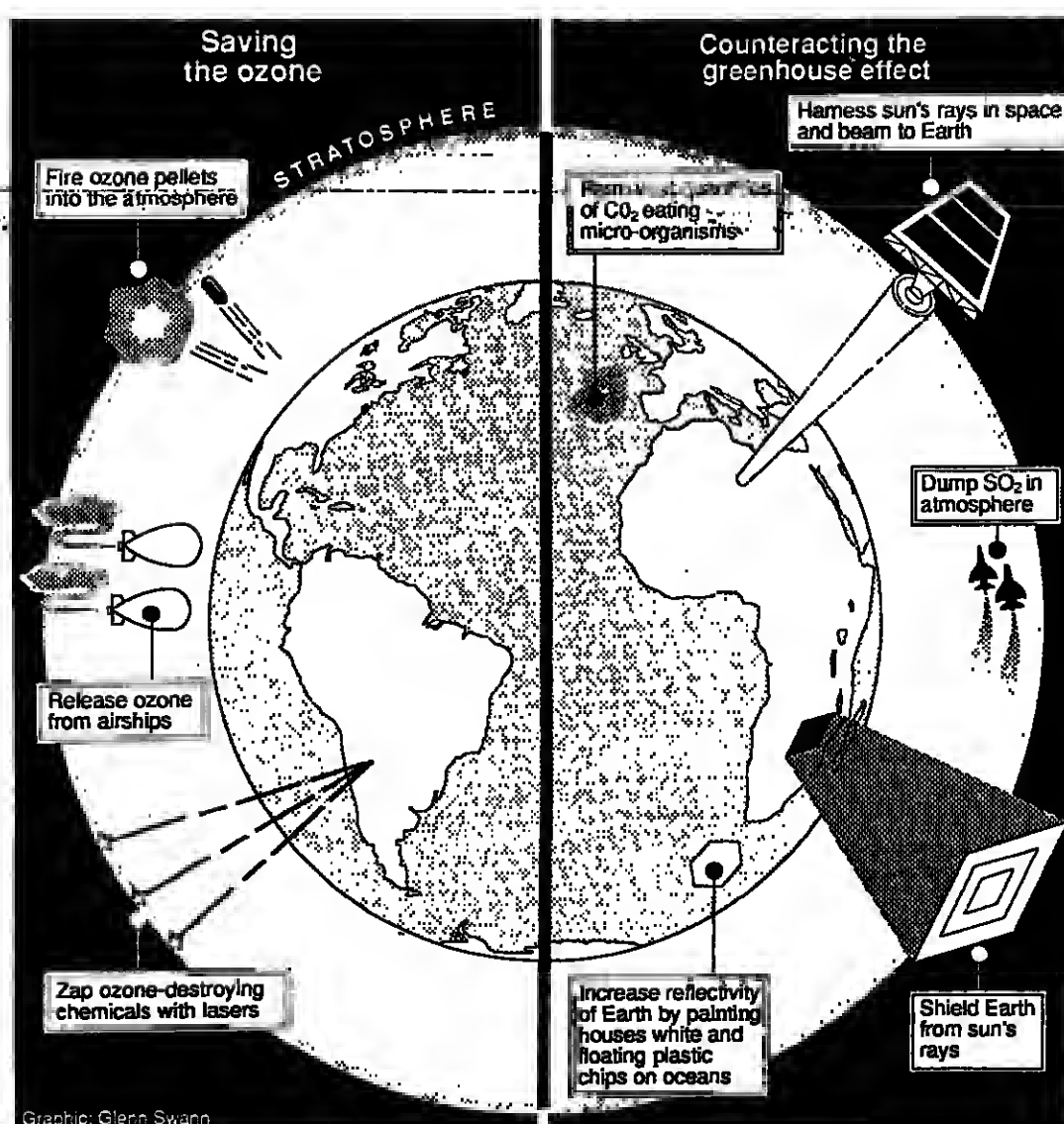
However, laser beams would, by their nature, only sweep out limited areas and there is the possibility that the quantities of energy needed to run them would indirectly feed the greenhouse effect.

Russian scientists have suggested ringing the Earth with a vast track on which would run linear motors carrying liquid oxygen to the upper atmosphere. Others have talked of firing pellets of frozen ozone into the atmosphere.

Ozone replacement sounds simple but is much trickier than

Scientists look at remedies for a very sick planet

Engineering the atmosphere



Graphic: Glenn Swann

CFC control because, as Dr Farman pointed out, every CFC molecule destroys some 100,000 ozone molecules. "I think the Russians missed this factor. They were 100,000 times out in the amount of material required."

● **Preventing global warming** — Greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane and CFCs cause global warming by trapping the sun's infra-red energy.

Traditional thinkers propose better energy efficiency coupled with the use of renewable, nuclear and even fusion energy (which is unproven) to replace the burning of fossil fuels and curb the warming.

The more fanciful suggestions include harvesting energy in space by vast solar collectors and then beaming it back to Earth by lasers. But the visionaries want to counteract the damage wreaked by greenhouse gases by cutting down on the sun's energy incident on the Earth.

One suggestion is to increase the amount of solar energy reflected back into space by a range of methods from painting the roofs of houses white to covering the world's oceans with white polystyrene chips.

Even some of the visionaries balk at this prospect. Dr Broecker said: "I don't think there are enough houses. As for polystyrene chips, that is a possibility but Holy smoke, that boggles the mind!"

Higher in the atmosphere, sulphur dioxide in the form of acid droplets has been seen to shield the sun's rays and cause slight global cooling when it is spewed into the atmosphere from volcanoes.

Following nature's example, Dr Broecker said about 35 million tonnes of sulphur dioxide could be distributed by a fleet of 700 jumbo jets operating round the clock in the stratosphere each year to counter the global warming caused by a doubling of the carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere.

Unfortunately, this example of atmospheric engineering would produce a white haze, consume ozone and increase acid rain. But the cost, at \$10 billion a year, "is nothing compared with the total energy use in the world," he said.

To counter the effects of doubled carbon dioxide levels, which is the equivalent of turning up the power of the sun by two per cent, Dr Broecker said

that huge spaceborne reflectors could be used to reflect back the equivalent amount of sunlight. "But covering two per cent of the sky is one grand and glorious and incredibly expensive project," he said.

Battle

In the battle against the greenhouse effect, our fellow creatures may come to the rescue. Dr James Aiken of the Natural Environment Research Council's Plymouth Marine Laboratory said phytoplankton were being considered for the conversion of sunlight into useful chemicals and drugs, drastically cutting the amount of energy required for such processes.

He is one of a team studying vast slicks of algae, called coccolithophores, which absorb large quantities of carbon dioxide and may mitigate the greenhouse effect. It has been suggested by other scientists that by cultivating such marine creatures global warming could be controlled.

However, even the more traditional approach — conserving and replanting forest which take up carbon dioxide in photosynthesis — may be a long shot.

Changing attitudes toward the environment

By Robin Johnston

BOSTON: Society must change its approach to environmental issues to keep up with worldwide changes, environmentalists warn.

"Things are happening so fast to the environment. The question is whether our institutions, political processes, and values can shift quickly enough," says Lester Brown, president of Worldwatch Institute, a global environmental research and policy group.

As an example of this need, environmentalists point to predictions of an accelerated greenhouse effect — global warming — caused by the accumulation of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere.

No one knows whether or not the greenhouse effect caused the heat wave and drought in the United States this summer. But models constructed by the World Resources Institute (WRI) predict that if current energy-use and production trends continue, temperatures worldwide will rise 1.5 to 4.5 degrees Celsius by 2030. To postpone the effects to 2075, lawmakers need to start thinking now about how to reduce carbon-dioxide emissions, the institute says.

Threshold "It could take four more years to develop a political consensus, then it may take three or four to enact legislation," says Irving Mintzer of WRI. Experts' estimates of how long it would take to carry out such legislation varied from 20 to 50 years.

"Societies have to cross a cer-

tain threshold of awareness and concern about an issue before there can be an effective political response," Worldwatch's Brown says.

It is not easy to pin down what pushes societies to that threshold. Some historians and analysts say that, in the past, people seemed to react strongly to perceived or real crises they thought would affect them directly — such as toxic waste dumps — as opposed to "creeping problems," like acid rain.

"One of the things we know about attentive publics is that when they personalize or identify with the risks, it's then that they are moved to act," says Daryl Chubin, senior analyst for the Office of Technology Assessment of the United States Congress.

In the 1960s and '70s, environmentalists rallied around highly visible mini-crises such as oil spills and toxic waste that oozed up into people's backyards.

"Our method of doing environmental protection really has depended on a crisis mentality," says Robert Rycroft, director of George Washington University's programme in Science, Technology, and Public Policy.

Partly because of the environmental movement's success and an increase in research being done on the environment, problems today tend to be more subtle but also potentially more damaging, analysts say. The potential impacts of acid rain, global warming, and ozone depletion stretch out over several generations.

The recent stir over the greenhouse effect was triggered by the unusual heat and drought in this summer. Two bills have been introduced in the US Congress to cut carbon dioxide emissions. One calls for a 20 per cent reduction by 2000, the other calls for a 50 per cent reduction.

The sponsors realize both these may be unrealistic. But no one interviewed for this article thought public concern was deep enough to pressure lawmakers to enact proposals at this time.

"The whole notion of crisis is a short-term orientation that worked in the past to environmentalists' advantage. But I'm not sure it does anymore," Dr Rycroft says. "Sometimes the problems stretch out too long to be able to show real crisis."

Crisis

Crisis-type language hasn't disappeared. But parties to environmental disputes are depending increasingly on scientific research to support their positions.

"That means (environmental groups) are having to do a little more of their own research, a better job of analyzing other people's research, a better job of talking about risks," Rycroft says.

The plodding pace at which scientific consensus emerges, and the often subverted effect it has on the general public and political institutions, may be no match for the rapid deterioration of "spaceship earth," say some science policy specialists in their gloomier moments.

But they also are quick to cite change.

Recently, public interest in

the environment and even in environmental science seems to be on the rise.

In a New York Times/CBS poll taken in July, 65 per cent of Americans polled agreed that "protecting the environment is so important that requirements and standards cannot be too high, and continuing environmental improvements must be made regardless of cost."

Although positive responses have been increasing since the question was first asked in 1981, pollsters warn that this does not necessarily translate into public willingness to actually bear the costs of higher environmental standards.

Contributions to environmental groups such as the Environmental Defense Fund and the Natural Resources Defense Council are up this summer.

The Worldwatch Institute has sold more of its annual "State of the World" reports than ever before.

It is also selling record numbers of a possible indication that more people are interested in the nitty-gritty aspects of environmental policies designed, not just for crisis-patching, but for the long term. Brown says.

"The question in the '70s was always how to implement our ideals. We really stopped worrying about it in the Reagan administration," says Dorothy Nelkin, a visiting professor at New York University and author of several books on science and society. "Things might change in a few years."

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

By George Lobenz

WASHINGTON (UPI): Two common industrial solvents, methyl chloroform and carbon tetrachloride, are major but largely unrecognized contributors to the depletion of earth's protective ozone layer and must be phased out, said a report issued recently.

The study said the widely used solvents represent a greater threat to the ozone layer than some chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, which are the target of the Montreal protocol, an international pact to cut ozone-depleting chlorine in the upper atmosphere.

"Even a complete phaseout of CFCs will not substantially reduce the total levels of chlorine in the stratosphere without accompanying regulation of these two chemicals," said the report released by the Environmental Policy Institute.

But the report said regulation of methyl chloroform offers the best opportunity to make relatively quick repairs to the ozone layer, which shields the earth from ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

Yet another threat to the ozone layer

Scientists have discovered a "hole" in the ozone layer that appears above Antarctica each year and say that if the phenomenon spreads, heightened ultra-violet exposure could cause sharply increased rates on skin cancer and cataracts and also impair immune systems that fight off disease.

They also say it can disrupt fundamental environmental processes such as the growth of plankton, tiny ocean animals that serve as a vital food source for many higher marine species.

Scepticism

Industry officials expressed some scepticism about the report, saying it overstated the impact of methyl chloroform. Three US companies, Dow Chemical, Vulcan Materials and TPG Industries Inc., produce the chemical.

The report comes just before the environmental protection agency releases a study on the

role played by methyl chloroform and other unregulated chemicals on ozone depletion.

The report said methyl chloroform is key to slowing ozone depletion because unlike other man-made, ozone-depleting, chlorine-containing chemicals, it is a short-lived chemical in the upper atmosphere.

Survive

While chlorofluorocarbons can survive for many decades in the stratosphere, methyl chloroform breaks down in about nine years. As a result, reductions in methyl chloroform levels would pay off much faster than cuts in longer-lived compounds.

"Drastically reducing methyl chloroform emissions is the only method we have found for actually reducing ozone-depleting atmospheric chlorine levels substantially in the next

two decades," said the report. Dr Arjun Makhijani, the author of the report, told reporters that by addressing methyl chloroform, "we can actually reduce the levels of ozone-depleting atmospheric chlorine in the next three decades back to 1980 levels."

In contrast, he said the roughly 50 per cent cut in CFC use called for in the Montreal protocol — while an important step — still would allow approximately a four-fold increase in atmospheric chlorine levels.

Makhijani said controls on methyl chloroform also are essential because it is a substitute for chlorofluorocarbons in cleaning metals. Carbon tetrachloride also is used as a cleaner and in the manufacture of CFCs.

Makhijani said scientists have minimised methyl chloroform's role in ozone depletion because of studies showing the chemical largely dissipates before reaching the upper atmosphere. But Makhijani said his research showed up to 30 per cent of methyl chloroform could make it to the stratosphere.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

62 countries compete for share of Iraqi reconstruction

BAGHDAD, Oct. 30, (Reuters): More than two thousand firms from 62 countries will compete this week for a share of the business as Iraq starts rebuilding after its war with Iran.

Trade Minister Mohammad Mahdi Saleh told reporters 2,090 foreign firms and 191 Iraqi businesses would be represented at the 25th Baghdad international fair starting on Tuesday.

Only five Arab states took part in the first fair in February 1964. At its peak in 1981, 3,200 firms from 68 countries were represented.

During the remaining years of the Gulf war the numbers fell off, with 1,400 companies from 56 nations last year.

Participation
But since the Aug 20 ceasefire ended eight years of fighting, several countries — notably the United States, West Germany and Yugoslavia — have increased their participation.

"Each country, including mine, has booked for the best in electronics, machinery and heavy equipment it produces to get a slice of the reconstruction drive in post-war Iraq," a senior Western diplomat told Reuters.

Saleh said some countries had granted Iraq more than \$1 billion in credits to finance the purchase of goods or carry out projects. "This reflects the high confidence accorded to the economy of our country," he said.

More than 200 businessmen and contractors from Gulf Arab states are to visit Iraq this week to see how they can help with post-war reconstruction, the Union of Arab Gulf Chambers of Commerce said yesterday.

Japan's Institute of Middle East Economics has estimated foreign engineers and construction firms can expect orders worth more than \$100 billion from Iraq alone when rebuilding starts in earnest.

Suez Canal to increase tolls by 8pc in 1989

CAIRO, Oct. 30, (Reuters): The Suez Canal Authority will raise tolls for ships by eight per cent in 1989, chairman Ezzat Adel said yesterday.

"It has been two years now since the last toll hike went into effect, because of a recession in the shipping market," Adel told a news conference.

The increase, effective from January 1, will be inversely proportional to the size of ships. "The greater the tonnage of a ship, the less the increase will be," Adel said.

He said the increase was largely in line with world inflation rates in general and inflation in the shipping market in particular.

The canal is one of Egypt's main sources of hard currency, earning Cairo \$1.28 billion in the fiscal year 1987-88.

Adel said a 25 per cent surcharge for warships using the waterway would remain in effect.

Fees
He said a cut rate offered to long-haul bulk carriers in April 1987 would be retained. This initiative, which reduced transit fees for ships previously using the cape route by up to 50 per cent, had attracted 578 vessels and earned an extra \$50 million.

Adel expected a surge in traffic following the August ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

After a wait-and-see stance in the Gulf, there will be a recovery," he said.

"The Gulf states have been in a state of recession. But after the war is over, there will be a process of reconstruction and development. All ships carrying imports from Europe will use the canal."

Olympic Airways to buy three Boeings

ATHENS, Greece, Oct. 30, (AP): Olympic Airways, the state-run carrier, will buy three Boeing 767-200 jetliners for a total of \$180 million, the airline announced today.

Under an agreement signed yesterday, Boeing will deliver the wide-bodied jetliners from January-March 1990, the announcement said.

Olympic chose the Boeings in July over the European-made Airbus 300 and 310, on the ground that a 767 costs \$48 million less than an Airbus.

The Greek airline yesterday also signed an agreement to fit the aircraft with Pratt and Whitney jet engines rather than the General Electric turbofans normally used on Boeing aircraft, the announcement said.

Business plunged between 20 and 40pc since early September

Public faith in exchange sector shattered

KUWAIT, Oct. 30, (Reuters): A teacher in Kuwait was overjoyed when an exchange firm telephoned to say she had made nearly \$3,000 in one week on a currency and precious metals trading account.

But when she went to collect the profit, the company said that her entire \$21,000 deposit had since been lost and handed her a bill for \$4,000 in extra losses.

Her story and others recently reported by the Kuwaiti press have shattered the credibility of Kuwait's once-flourishing exchange sector.

Exchange dealers here said business has plunged between 20 and 40 per cent since early September mainly because frightened clients have withdrawn their deposits.

"We have a lot of customers who have withdrawn their money. They are afraid," said the manager of one firm.

Dealers
Four or five of the 35 licensed exchange companies may shut by the end of the year, the dealers said, while others are battling court cases and tough new Central Bank audits.

In a limited crackdown, the Commerce Ministry has sealed

the premises of two firms found violating the terms of their licences, officials said.

A local newspaper reported last month what it called "a dangerous and wide-ranging swindling operation practised by financial companies in Hong Kong through local exchange companies."

It quoted senior financial sources saying the unidentified firms, working with foreign commodity and currency dealers, concocted records of fake transactions showing huge client losses.

Like the teacher, customers were first told they had earned fantastic profits, then forced to swallow fictitious losses.

Evidence
Neither the Central Bank, which licences and monitors the exchange companies, nor the Commerce Ministry which controls some 200 exchange businesses, has produced evidence to support the daily's charges.

But Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdulaziz Al Sabah last month warned against unauthorised dealings with exchange companies and published a list of 13 whose licences had been cancelled.

Rashid Al Mujrin, assistant undersecretary for commercial affairs at the Commerce Ministry, said none of the establishments had broken the law but two companies had recently been closed.

"There are some companies which have violated their licences," he told Reuters. "They are very few. You can count them on one hand."

Cases
Kuwaiti lawyer Ahmed Abdul-Mohsen Al Mulaifi said he took up 20 cases against exchange companies in the last six weeks.

"We have now claims for around KD1 million (\$3.6 million). Many more people are waiting to see what's going to happen. If we win they will also sue," he said.

The companies are allowed to buy and sell currencies, send transfers abroad, issue travellers cheques and trade precious metals. They cannot accept deposits, open accounts, lend money or engage in other banking activities.

The establishments, tiny businesses often owned by one person, crowd the narrow alleys of the downtown souk (market)

and are barred from anything but spot foreign exchange deals.

Until Central Bank instructions to the contrary last June, many firms thought that they were permitted to trade commodities and stocks, and did so through international brokers.

And virtually all of the major firms thrive on margin deposits — a percentage of the sum a client wants to trade, usually four or five per cent, deposited to cover losses.

The firm buys and sells on the client's request, credits and deposits with profits or subtracts any losses. Dealers insist the deposits are legal and note the Central Bank routinely approves accounts including them.

"Margin deposits are not fixed deposits but a kind of insurance," said Mohammed Hamada, general manager of Al Nawrus Exchange Company.

Licences
But Al Mulaifi has built cases on the grounds margin deposits are illegal. He has named the Central Bank and Commerce Ministry as co-defendants, and contended that about a dozen firms still operate without proper licences.

"I have the feeling some of

them (exchange firms) are not doing any real transactions," Al Mulaifi said.

Dealers said that a handful of illegal operations was giving the law-abiding majority a bad name and bad losers are trying to exploit ambiguities in the law to recover money lost in legitimate deals.

"Millions of people lost money in Black Monday," said one exchange firm manager, referring to last October's world stock market crash. "Did they all rush to their lawyers to sue?"

Clients
He said that clients were refusing to accept normal trading risks despite having agreed to bear losses in their contracts.

Dealers said that they expected public confidence to return, but not before a shakeout.

"It's a circle. We're down now, but we'll come up... it will weed out the weak and leave the strong," said Mahmoud Al Ghabally of Al Nawrus.

Much depends on what the courts find and whether the ministry crackdown continues, dealers said. The Central Bank can cancel the licence of an offending firm, but only the ministry can close its doors.

World Business Summary

Soviet Union moves further towards Western-style economy

MOSCOW, Oct. 30, (Reuters): The Soviet Union has moved further towards a Western-style economy with a first admission that it is running a budget deficit and new proposals to get state firms working on a profit-and-loss basis. The Supreme Soviet (parliament) was due today to approve both a first Soviet budget with an officially admitted deficit and also an economic plan for 1989 which furges ahead with Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms. According to the draft, all enterprises will switch to self-accounting and self-financing next year, meaning that they will theoretically have to work on a profit-and-loss basis. Previously, loss-making firms automatically received heavy state subsidies. Finance Minister Boris Gostev has said the 1989 budget is to have a deficit of 36 billion roubles (\$59 billion) or 7.3 per cent of the total. He told the Supreme Soviet the budget and plan would boost consumer goods output and improve food supply. Further details in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda today show the plan also weakens state control over planning in the drive for a more competitive performance. Pravda said state planning chief Yuri Malyshev told Thursday's session that the overall volume of state orders in the machine-building complex, a key industrial sector, was due to fall to 25 per cent in 1989 from 86 per cent this year. In the energy sector, they were due to drop to 59.4 per cent from 95 per cent and in light industry to 30 from 96 per cent. Up to now factories and farms, fulfilling strict production targets set by five-year economic plans, have been forced to meet a high volume of state orders. Pravda said that, as this falls, they would be expected to put more production on a wholesale market. According to Gostev, the issuing of shares — another element in the draft plan — would boost firms' self-financing potential. "Shares increase the potential of self-financing, drawing part of the personal income of the working people to the aims of economic and social development," he said on Thursday. The council of ministers last week issued a decree giving firms the right to issue shares.

North West Continent/U.K./Scandinavia — Arabian Gulf Container Agreement (SUNAG) Mediterranean — Arabian Gulf Container Agreement (MEDAG)

The undermentioned lines wish to advise the trade that with effect from the 1st of January 1989 they will implement a tariff restructure.

This restructuring will incorporate a deletion of the bunker surcharge and a reduction of the extra risk surcharge (ERS) from its present level to 10 per cent, at the same time the tariff class rates will be adjusted as a further step in lines' efforts to bring the ocean rates to compensatory levels.

Effective the 1st of March 1989 the second stage of adjustment will take place and it is the intention to further reduce the ERS to 5 per cent simultaneously.

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Takeover lending is safe, say US bankers

NEW YORK, Oct. 30, (Reuters): A huge jump in bank funding of leveraged buyouts and acquisitions has raised worries that the banking system is risking large loan losses, but analysts and bankers say the lending is safe, barring a recession.

"The potential is clearly there (for a debacle), but our economic forecasts would give that a small probability," said analyst Carole Berger of C.J. Lawrence, Morgan Grenfell Inc.

Carl Reichardt, chairman of Wells Fargo, which has one of the biggest leveraged buyout (LBO) loan portfolios in the industry, recently said: "To see people characterise LBOs as another disaster misses the mark."

But fears that banks may be stepping into another lending quagmire after their problems with foreign loans were heightened by news that Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan, in a letter to Congress released on Wednesday, said he had urged banks to look carefully at their LBO lending.

In a leveraged buyout, a few

investors put up some money and borrow much more to buy the stock of a company. They typically repay the debt, the bulk of which is commercial bank loans, using cash flow and the proceeds of asset sales.

The risk is that a recession could cripple the debt-laden company, leaving the banks saddled with non-performing loans.

The current debate over LBO financing has been sparked by the proposed restructurings of food companies involving huge loans. In what would be the biggest ever corporate acquisition, the leveraged buyout specialist Kohlberg Kravis Roberts is offering \$20.3 billion for RJR Nabisco Inc.

Manufacturers
Hanover Corp. is rumoured to be the lead lender in the Kohlberg Kravis bid. Citicorp and Bankers Trust New York Corp. are said to be the lead lenders for a rival group made up of top RJR Nabisco managers and Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc.

Citicorp will lead the financing of Philip Morris' proposed \$11.5-billion bid for Kraft Inc.,

while Chemical Banking Corp. is said to be the lead lender in Kraft's rival bid for a \$14-billion restructuring.

"If the economy goes bad, then LBOs are riskier loans than other loans," one analyst said. "But the food industry is a fairly recession-resistant industry."

"I don't see any great systemic LBO problems," First Chicago Corp. chairman Barry Sullivan told Reuters recently. "The limits on vulnerability are how leveraged the company is and how subject to a recession its business is. You have to deal company by company. A department store LBO is going to be different than a grocery store LBO."

Donald Layton, senior managing director at Manufacturers Hanover, agreed. "The only thing that can hurt LBOs is a general recession," he said.

PNC Financial Corp. chairman Thomas O'Brien told Reuters that while LBOs will cause some problems, they will not be as significant as some people are projecting. Loans made prudently will come through a

recession intact, he said.

"Inherently there are some real risks in LBOs because they are leveraged transactions," Mellon Bank Corp. Chairman Frank Cahouet told Reuters. "There is relatively little margin of error if you make a mistake."

In addition, the competition among banks for LBO loans may cause some institutions to make risky loans, analysts say.

One problem in measuring the risk in LBO financing is the lack of data describing the size or type of exposure. Each bank uses its own definition of an LBO when giving data to analysts.

Committed
Since the beginning of 1987 banks have committed more than \$150 billion to various acquisition, recapitalisation and LBO deals, although not all of that has been funded, Oppenheimer and company analyst Chris Kotowski said.

Most banks limit the size, and hence the risk, of their investments in any one LBO loan to between \$25 million and \$30 million and sell the rest, analyst Berger said.

Japanese and Kuwaiti trade ties praised

KUWAIT, Oct. 30, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Ambassador to Japan, Abdul Aziz Al Sharekh hailed the Japanese-Kuwaiti trade and economic relations.

In an interview with a local daily, published here today, Al Sharekh added that Kuwait views Japan as an important international financial centre.

Boosting and developing bilateral ties is in the top of the list of the Kuwaiti embassy's concern, Ambassador Al Sharekh said.

He urged Kuwait to make use of the Japanese expertise in economic, political and cultural fields.

He pointed out that Gulf and Arab diplomatic group, which includes 17 active embassies in Tokyo, are working to push Arab-Japanese ties to the best, particularly in this stage, where Gulf and Arab countries in general view Japan as an important friend could be depended on.

He added Arab and Islamic diplomatic groups meet once a month to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Soviets mulling increase in foreign share in joint ventures

MOSCOW, Oct. 30, (AP): In a major proposal to encourage help for the ailing Soviet economy, the government is considering almost doubling the share foreign companies can hold in joint ventures with Soviet businesses, a Western diplomat said yesterday.

Under a Jan 13, 1987 decree of the Council of Ministers, foreign partners have been limited to owning 49 per cent of the joint venture, while the Soviet side owned 51 per cent.

Western businessmen said the restriction made it unprofitable for them to form joint ventures, and they have been complaining to Soviet officials for months.

According to a senior Western diplomat involved in East-West trade, the Soviets are now considering a "firm proposal" to allow the foreign partner to own

80 per cent of the joint venture. The diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said some Soviet officials indicate the foreign partner may even be allowed to own more than 80 per cent of the business.

While praising the Soviets for acting on Westerners' complaints, he said the principal problem with joint ventures remains restrictions on how profits can be taken out of the Soviet Union.

The Soviet rouble cannot be converted into other currencies on world markets, so foreign companies must devise ways of either earning convertible, or "hard" currencies, or taking out their share of the proceeds in Soviet commodities.

The Communist Party's ruling Politburo decided earlier this month gradually to make the

rouble convertible, but no details have been released and it is believed such steps will take years.

Increasing their share will give foreign partners more control over managing joint ventures and allow more Westerners to be brought in as employees for the operations, the diplomat said.

The proposed changes will have to be approved by the Council of Ministers and the Supreme Soviet, the nominal parliament.

So far, the Soviet Union has signed a total of 108 joint ventures with foreign partners, most with Finnish and West German companies. In addition, US companies have signed six joint venture contracts with the Soviets. Soviet officials have said 300 to 400 joint ventures are under negotiation.

Reuters, Mobile Telephone sign contract

The Reuters Pocketwatch displays latest quotations from world financial markets on a hand-held pager.

REUTERS, the leading world news and information organisation, and Kuwait's Mobile Telephone System Company, on Saturday signed a contract to market in Kuwait a portable terminal to monitor prices from world financial markets.

Called the Reuters Pocketwatch, the new service uses an Alpha numeric pager supplied by Mobile Telephone to deliver up-to-the-minute quotations for major world currencies, financial instruments, stock market indices and hullion.

The contract was signed at Mobile Telephone's headquarters by the company's chairman and managing director, Abdullah M. Al Sabei, and Barry Simpson, Reuters manager, Kuwait and Iraq.



Signing the contract for the launch of the Reuters Pocketwatch are Abdullah M. Al Sabei, chairman and managing director for Kuwait's Mobile Telephone System Company and Barry Simpson, Reuters manager for Kuwait and Iraq.

"With the continuing volatility of world markets, dealers and investors need to be in constant touch with market movements," Simpson said. "Now with the Reuters Pocketwatch, for the first time in Kuwait, they can literally carry the markets in their pockets."

The Reuters Pocketwatch displays constantly updated rates for the Kuwaiti dinar and four other major currencies against the dollar, as well as gold and

US and UAE sign accord on investment insurance

DUBAI, Oct. 30, (Agencies): The United States and United Arab Emirates (UAE) today initialled an accord to provide US insurance against political risks for private investors.

A US embassy spokesman in Abu Dhabi said the agreement should encourage smaller US firms to invest in the UAE.

The US insurance scheme is managed by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), which has similar arrangements with more than 100 other countries.

The spokesman said Kuwait was also preparing to sign an accord with OPIC. All other Gulf Arab states already had agreements.

Agreement
Mohammed Khalif Kharbash, investment director at the Ministry of Finance and Industry, said the agreement should boost investment.

Commercial insurance firms do not insure companies under a regular policy against acts of war, civil disturbances and other unwarranted political risks.

OPIC allows firms to cost such risk in their investment planning. A final signing date awaits a translation of the English agreement into Arabic, the embassy spokesman said.

The accord was negotiated by Robert C. O'Sullivan, assistant general counsel for claims at OPIC and Donald A. Roberts, the first secretary for economics at the American embassy in Abu Dhabi.

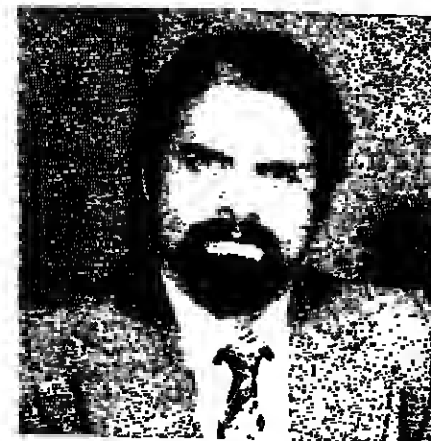
"Such an agreement will break

EEC inflation rises to 3.8pc

LUXEMBOURG, Oct. 30, (AP): The annual inflation rate in the European Economic Community increased in September, the consumer price index standing 3.8 per cent higher than in September last year, the EEC's statistical agency Eurostat reported yesterday.

The inflation rate compares with a year-to-year rate of 3.6 per cent in August and an average rate of 3.2 per cent for the first nine months of 1988.

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US personal income soars

UK trade figures stimulate equities as bonds pick up steam

THE dollar fell sharply last week in response to lower US economic growth in the third quarter and to a stronger than expected decrease in durable goods orders. With the growth of the US Gross National Product being nearly one percentage point below expectations, the dollar lost ground against major currencies whilst approaching the key level Y125 and DM1.77.

The US unit failed to be supported and short-term interest rates were slightly down. As a consequence bonds moved ahead after retreating early in the week and the dollar's fall put downward pressure on equities.

The US unit ended the week slightly up on the week's lows at DM1.76 and Y126.1, according to NBB weekly market review.

Factory orders fell 4.1 per cent in September after rising a revised 5.7 per cent in August.

Factory shipment decreased by 0.8 per cent in September compared with a 4.2 per cent increase in August.

Real GNP rose 2.2 per cent in the third quarter following a 3.0 per cent rise in the previous quarter. The real GNP growth was

well below the 3.7 per cent rise expected.

GNP deflator increased at an annual rate of 4.4 per cent in the third quarter after rising at a 5.5 per cent rate in the second quarter.

Personal income increased by 0.5 per cent in September following a revised 0.3 per cent in August. On a seasonally adjusted annual rate, US personal income totalled \$4.1 billion.

Personal consumption spending was unchanged in September after increasing 0.6 per cent in August and 0.4 per cent in July.

Evidence

Last week's release of weaker than expected figures provided further indications that the economy is slowing down and possibly faster than previously anticipated. The market will focus next week on the leading indicator index which is likely to give further evidence that the increase in interest rates over the late summer appears to have stemmed growth in domestic demand.

As a consequence the requirement to firm interest rates further has diminished. Over the

coming week NBB market analyst expects rates to hold reasonably stable. Ultimately firmer interest rates in the dollar's defence will probably be necessary.

The markets have already discounted a Bush victory and therefore his increasing lead in the polls is unlikely to boost the US currency. Investors and analysts alike are all looking ahead to the difficult economic problems that remain to be tackled. Adverse sentiment towards the dollar appears presently entrenched and therefore whilst some uptick may occur, pressure remains on the downside. In the short-term sizeable central authority intervention at current levels will probably prevent a significant decline — although a breach of the psychologically important Y125 cannot be ruled out.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: Y124-128 and DM1.75-1.81.

The UK market anxiously awaited the release of the trade figures over the week and reacted positively to the much better than expected data. After begin-

ning on a weak note requiring Bank of England intervention, sterling pushed ahead on the trade news gaining two pennings to DM3.1470. The British unit also advanced against other major currencies which led to a slight easing in short-term interest rates. As a consequence, bonds moved higher whilst equities rallied stimulated by the good trade numbers and a strong sterling.

Deficit

Visible trade deficit fell 41.5 per cent in September to £1.06 billion compared with an expected £2.2 billion figure. The visible trade deficit from January to September 1988 totalled £13.91 billion.

Current account deficit decreased by 57.3 per cent to £560 million in September. In August the figure was £1.313.

Overall the figures released on Thursday are encouraging and have provided confidence in the market, despite the fact that the good results reflected in part a number of ad hoc distortions.

With no significant data releases next week, the market's current trend is likely to remain in place

this coming week.

High interest rates will continue to underpin sterling — supported by Lawson's recent statements that base rates will remain unchanged until inflation is seen to move decisively lower.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM3.12-3.17 and £1.74-1.79.

The cost of living rose by a provisional 0.1 per cent in October resulting in a lower year-on-year figure to 1.3 per cent from 1.4 per cent in September. The Deutsche mark advanced against major currencies stimulated by a strong surplus in the German's trade balance and a high rate of economic growth. However, the latter is expected to be restrained by at least a half per cent point next year with the planned increase in consumer taxes.

The Japanese economy remains buoyant with industrial production rising by 0.4 per cent in September providing a 9.2 per cent increase on a year-on-year basis. Leading economic indicators moved up to 90 in August compared with 65 in July.

Gulf Bank's new Home-Bank service seen popular

THE new Home-Bank service launched by the Gulf Bank, which is banking by telephone, has proved immensely popular in Kuwait. Over 175,000 calls have been received since the service started in April, both from customers and non-customers, according to a Gulf Bank press release.

Convenience

The new service is simple to use. All that is involved is pressing the buttons of any touch-tone telephone and the caller can communicate directly with the bank's computer. The computer responds to queries in a synthesized voice giving absolute privacy and limitless convenience, according to the press release.

As a pioneer in home banking services in the Middle East, the Gulf Bank has also become the first bank in Kuwait to offer automated rates information to the general public, not only to its customers, through Home-Bank, the release said. Using an easily available touch-tone telephone anybody can dial 245-9400 and check foreign currency and fixed deposit rates, anytime of the day or night and at no cost.

Service

"Convenience is what has attracted people to this service," said a bank official. "Customers need not wait for the banks to open or stand in lines to do transactions like checking their account balance or transferring funds between their accounts. We provide them the convenience of doing this anytime they wish or from anywhere they like including from their home, office, car or even from outside Kuwait."

"As we understand, this is probably the only automated Arabic Telephone Banking service of its kind in the world and we may have some definite plans for future enhancements," the spokesman said.

Prices

This includes checking salary credits, providing latest Dow Jones prices and even applying for loans and opening new accounts through the Home-Bank.

Gulf Bank is demonstrating the service until Tuesday at the Sultan Centre in Salmiyah.

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BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.110	1.110	1.110	1.110	265000	9
GULF BANK	0.430	0.425	0.425	0.425	430000	14
COMMERCIAL BK	0.315	0.315	0.315	0.315	40000	2
ARAB BANK	0.380	0.375	0.375	0.375	10000	1
B.K.M.E.	0.390	---	---	---	---	---
K.R.E.B.	0.390	---	---	---	---	---
BURGAN BANK	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	80000	3
K.F.HOUSE	0.560	0.560	0.560	0.560	200000	7
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KUT INV. CO.	0.148	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.I.C.	0.142	---	---	---	---	---
CON. FACILITIES	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
ANILAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.100	---	---	---	---	---
INV. PEARL KUT	0.104	0.106	0.106	0.106	420000	7
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KUT INSURANCE	0.730	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INSURANCE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
ANILAH INS. CO.	0.580	---	---	---	---	---
WARSA INS. CO.	0.450	---	---	---	---	---
REAL ESTATE SECTOR						
KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.232	---	---	---	---	---
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.098	160000	1
NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.202	---	---	---	---	---
SALIHAN R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
KUT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---

INDUSTRY SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NAT IND. CO.	0.540	---	---	---	---	---
KUT M.P. IND.	0.300	0.295	0.295	0.295	150000	2
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.415	---	---	---	---	---
N.A.M.T.O.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	1.090	1.090	1.090	1.090	115000	4
K.P.M. CO.	0.206	---	---	---	---	---
CON. MARINE	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
K.S.M.P.O.	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
P.WAREHOUSING	0.156	---	---	---	---	---
CON. MCT. CHPX.	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	80000	1
MOBILE TELE.	0.340	0.345	0.345	0.340	90000	4
KUT COMPUTER	0.178	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.228	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT FISHERIES	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT POULTRY	0.216	---	---	---	---	---
KUT FOODS	0.310	---	---	---	---	---
AGRI. FOOD PRO.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KUT SECTOR						
B.W. INTER. BK	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	640000	3
B.W. H.EAST. BK	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	880000	6
UNIT GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	240000	5
A.G. INV. CORP.	0.034	---	---	---	---	---
FIRST GULF BK	0.420	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.I.G.	0.076	---	---	---	---	---

COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
PEARL INV. CO.	0.098	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INV. CO.	0.041	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INTL INS.	0.009	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INTL CO.	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
SHARJAH INS.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF UNION INS.	0.070	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.028	---	---	---	---	---
C.R.K. WHITE CHNT	0.025	---	---	---	---	---
D-ALMAN CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
E-FUJAIH CENT	0.006	---	---	---	---	---
F-SUJAIH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
G-GULF CEMENT	0.016	---	---	---	---	---
H-UNW BATHAIN	0.023	---	---	---	---	---

China expected to open trade office in S. Arabia

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The price was earlier widely reported to have negotiated the sale of Chinese medium-range missiles, which arrived in Saudi Arabia last year.

The deal was said to have included the transfer of an undi-

closed number of Chinese military experts to install and maintain the CSS-2 missiles.

Negotiations about possible diplomatic ties have gained ground in the past few months and diplomats said the issue was discussed by the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia and China while they were in New York for the United Nations General Assembly.

But the existence of a Taiwanese embassy in Riyadh is apparently delaying moves to cement ties with Beijing.

Diplomats said the Chinese wanted the Taiwan embassy closed or at least downgraded.

"The Saudis indicated during their ambassador's visit to Beijing that that was impossible at present," an Asian diplomat said.

"It is either one or the other. China certainly hopes to set up ties with Saudi Arabia but you cannot have both. Ties with China mean Taiwan out of the window," one Western diplomat said.

The Chinese trade office is expected to be based in the Red Sea port city of Jeddah and staffed by non-diplomats.

Saracoglu's main struggle since his appointment in July 1987 is for more Central Bank independence, particularly greater control of money supply.

His policies aimed at bringing down Turkey's 82 per cent annual inflation rate are supported by foreign bankers and such watchdogs as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

"The Central Bank's autonomy in economic management is of great importance," Uras said.

While Saracoglu's anti-inflationary policies would require unpopular austerity, advisers to Ozal stress a need to keep real growth high to satisfy Turkey's rapidly expanding population and to catch up with the European Economic Community (EEC).

Ozal, who sees Turkey's future pinned firmly to the West, applied in April last year for Turkish membership of the EEC.

Saracoglu has fought hard for control of interest rates. He said publicly that a decision by Ozal on October 11 to free interest rates was mistimed and politically motivated.

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ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.90	0.99
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.58	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.30	0.30
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	2.12	2.10
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.46	15.40
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAH PRESS	0.69	0.69
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PEREZ TAKES AWAY LORA'S CROWN

Chavez wins WBC lightweight title

LAS VEGAS, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Donny Lalonde says if Sugar Ray Leonard uses the same tactics against him that he used against Marvin Hagler, Leonard will have a long, painful night.

Lalonde, 31-2, will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) light heavyweight title here on November 7 against Leonard, who is coming out of retirement for the third time. The two will also be vying for the newly-created WBC super middleweight crown.

The fighters have agreed to weigh 168 pounds (76.2 kg), the limit for the new WBC division. Lalonde, a Canadian living in the United States, is a natural light heavyweight 175 pounds (79.3 kg).

Leonard, 34-1, was the undisputed world welterweight champion at 147 pounds (66.6 kg) and beat Hagler for the 160-pound (72.5 kg) WBC middleweight title last year. At one time he was also World Boxing Association junior middleweight champion.

If Leonard beats Lalonde he will become the first fighter to win titles in five, although somewhat contrived, weight classes. American Thomas Hearns now holds four.

Leonard, 32, un-retired for the second time to fight fellow-American Hagler in April 1987 in one of the richest fights ever.

Leonard, who retired the first time after eyesurgery, is expected to make about \$15 million this time round and Lalonde \$5 million, his biggest payday by far.

Against Hagler, Leonard's last fight, Leonard danced, feinted and sprinkled enough punching flurries — mostly at the ends of rounds — to impress the judges, who gave him a controversial split decision and the WBC middleweight title.

"Hagler just followed him around the ring," Lalonde said on Friday. "I think if Hagler had made any type of effort to try and convince the judges otherwise — it was that close — he could have won it easily."

By many accounts, Leonard successfully played on Hagler's dislike of him, because of his good looks and his being able to use his Olympic gold medal to rocket to boxing superstardom. Leonard duped Hagler into trying to knock him out, into lighting Leonard's fight.

Embarrass
Hagler chased Leonard round the ring for 12 rounds hoping to punish and embarrass him, rather than boxing carefully and waiting for an opening.

Hagler landed more hard punches than Leonard, but the impression left with many was that Leonard controlled the fight.

Lalonde was asked if he thought Leonard would fight him the same way.

"I hope not. I'd rather have him come to me and fight. But if he does fight that way it will just be a longer, more brutal beating for him, a longer night," Lalonde said. "He'll take more punches, that's all."

Lalonde, 28, said he hoped the judges for the fight realised that "it's the hard punches that count."

But his manager, Dave Wolf, said he and Lalonde were not too worried about the judges because "Donny is going to win by a knockout."

"Hagler definitely landed the harder, most effective punches, but he didn't do anything to take the momentum," said Lalonde. "Really, momentum has a lot to do with it."



Boxing promoter Don King (center) poses with world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson (left) and Mohammed Ali before the start of the Chavez-Ramirez fight. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cuts like that tend to keep growing, but at a terrific cost. Time and again he would swarm over Chavez, only to have the winner punch his way out of Ramirez's furries with hammer-hard shots flush to the face.

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The Chavez-Ramirez fight was the second half of a double-

header at the Las Vegas Hilton.

In the first fight, Mexico's Raul Perez won the World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight title on a unanimous points decision over a vastly overconfident Miguel 'Happy' Lora of Colombia.

Lora spent the first several rounds dancing and head-feinting while flashing an occasional smile at Perez, who appeared very tentative in throwing punches.

But by the fifth round, Perez, urged on by a good-sized contingent of Mexican fans chanting 'Mexico, Mexico,' began ducking under Lora's left hook and landing combinations to the head.

Perez, 21, landed more punches throughout the fight, but it was not until the later rounds that they appeared effective against the former 118-pound (53.5 kg) champion.

Perez scored heavily in the fifth round, rocking the previously undefeated Lora with a left-right-left combination to the head, which drew a pat of appreciation from Lora at the end of the round and a roar from the crowd of about 8,000 fans.

Lora landed some solid combinations of his own in the sixth round, as Perez became tentative again.

Perez opened up again from the eighth round, pinning Lora, 27, against the ropes several times.

Perez raised his record to 42-1-1, and Lora is now 30-1.

Lora had made six successful defenses of the title, which he won in August 1985.

NSW move into strong position

SYDNEY, Oct. 30, (Reuters): New South Wales, just 79 ahead on first innings, held a substantial lead of 307 runs with two wickets in hand at the close on third day in their Sheffield Shield match against Queensland in Brisbane today.

The visitors were 228 for eight at stumps with captain Greg Dyer not out 10 and Geoff Lawson four.

Addition
Earlier New South Wales had polished off the last four Queensland wickets for the addition of only 22 runs to dismiss Queensland for 212, with overnight batsman Ian Healy 44 not out.

New South Wales opener Mark Taylor top scored with 85, while Queensland's Craig McDermott took three for 35 in 19 overs.

To Adelaide, South Australia, 56 ahead of first innings, took command as Victoria slumped to 108 for seven at the close.

Three run outs in the final session cost Victoria dear, with Test batsman Dean Jones falling for 43, Simon O'Donnell for five and Tony Dodemaide for nought.

Victorian spinner Paul Jackson had earlier finished with personal best figures of six for 55 from 36 overs.

Scores
In Brisbane — New South Wales 291 and 228 for eight (Mark Taylor 85), Queensland 212 (Peter Cantrell 52).

In Adelaide — Victoria 231 and 108 for seven, South Australia 287 (Andrew Hilditch 65, David Hookes 58, Paul Jackson 56 for 55).

CRICKET
Bartholomew takes Dadabhai past BSC 'A'

By Yakub Razaque
BAHRAIN, Oct. 30: Neil Bartholomew produced a fine all-round performance to enable Dadabhai to defeat BSC 'A' by two wickets in a thrilling tie in the Bahrain Cricket League this week.

BSC 'A' were bundled out for 115 for 6 wickets in 23 overs, thanks to a fine bowling spell by Bartholomew who took 4 for 36.

Vice-captain Siraj Khan of BSC rescued his side, at one stage tottering at 76 for 6, with a blistering unbeaten 40 (included 3 sixes). But Dadabhai romped home with 38 from Samir and a solid 30 from Bartholomew.

Final scores: Dadabhai 116 for eight wickets. BSC 'A' 115 for six.

Other results:
Godfather defeated BSC 'B' by 67 runs. Godfathers 169 for 5 (Khawaja 50, Asif Siddique 30). BSC 'B' 102 for 7 in 25 overs (Momo 42).

Kanoo lost to Young Boys by 6 wickets. Kanoo 60 in 18.2 overs (Jamil 24, Ifikar 3 for 18, Younus 3 for 38). Young Boys 60 for 4 wickets in 12.2 overs (Asif 22 n.o.).

Buchery lost to Ashrafs by 6 wickets. Buchery 108 in 21.4 overs (Asif 36, Shafiq 4 for 32, Shabbir 4 for 22). Ashrafs 109 for 4 in 21.2 overs (Rakesh 39, Shafiq 37 n.o.).

Cosmopolitan defeated Awali by 5 wickets. Cosmopolitan 162 for 5 in 22.3 overs (Suresan 48, Sihani 31). Awali 161 all out in 23.5 overs (Brian 65).

Pakistan Green crushed MCC by 113 runs. MCC 82 for 8 in 25 overs (John Ratcliff 25, Arshad 5 for 23). Pakistan Green 195 for 5 in 25 overs (Dilawar 63, Arshad 60).

Holders BCC beat Dilmun by 10 wickets. Dilmun 111 for 9 in 25 overs. BCC 112 for no loss in 13.2 overs.

Canada's skating pair of Isabelle Brasseur and Lloyd Elmer perform during their final programme at the Skate Canada event in Thunder Bay. The skaters, from Quebec, won the pairs competition. (Reuters wirephoto)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Washington rally to upset UCLA

NEW YORK, Oct. 30, (AP): UCLA, which had hoped to win the National Championship at the Rose Bowl, may have lost it there yesterday.

The top-ranked Bruins blew a 21-point lead and fell to Washington State 34-30 on their home field in Pasadena, Calif.

The loss was UCLA's first of the season after seven victories.

The Bruins can still go to the Rose Bowl if they win their final three games, including a Nov. 19 showdown against undefeated Southern Cal. But their chances of winning the National Championship looked dim after losing to Washington State.

The only other ranked team to lose was No. 20 Oregon, which was beaten by Arizona State 21-20.

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 2 Notre Dame 22, Navy 7; No. 3 Southern California 41, Oregon State 20; No. 4 Miami 31, East Carolina 7; No. 5 Nebraska 26, Missouri 18; No. 7 West Virginia 51, Penn State 30; No. 8 Oklahoma 63, Kansas 14; No. 9 Auburn 16, Florida 0; and No. 10 Wyoming 48, Colorado State 14.

Also, it was No. 11 Arkansas 21, Rice 14; No. 12 Oklahoma State 45, Kansas State 27; No. 13 Louisiana State 31, Mississippi 20; No. 14 Michigan 52, Northwestern 7; No. 15 Clemson 38, Wake Forest 21; No. 17 South Carolina 23, North Carolina 7; No. 18 Georgia 59, William & Mary 34; and No. 19 Alabama 53, Mississippi State 34.

No. 10 Wyoming 48, Colorado State 14.

At Fort Collins, Colorado, quarterback Raody Weirick ran for two second-quarter touchdowns and passed for another as Wyoming extended its regular-season winning streak to 18, longest in the nation.

Wyoming improved to 9-0 overall and 6-0 in the Western Athletic Conference. If they beat Texas-El Paso next week, the Cowboys would earn at least a share of its second straight WAC title and a Holiday Bowl berth.

No. 11 Arkansas 21, Rice 14; At Little Rock, Arkansas, backup quarterback John Bland made three big plays in a game-winning drive as the Razorbacks clinched their first Cotton Bowl.

At Winston Salem, North Carolina, Rodey Williams ran for two touchdowns and passed for a third yesterday to lead Clemson to the Atlantic Coast Conference victory.

Terry Allen, the ACC's rushing leader, rushed 154 yards and one touchdown as Clemson beat Wake Forest for the 12th straight time.

No. 17 South Carolina 23, N. Carolina 57; At Raleigh, North Carolina, Todd Ellis threw a 20-yard touchdown pass and Collin Mackie kicked three second-half field goals as South Carolina gained 356 yards against the nation's top defense.

The Gamecocks improved their record to 7-1, while NC State fell to 6-2.

Former soccer stars play to 2-2 draw in friendly

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Oct. 30, (AP): Brazil's Roberto Rivelino scored from 20 yards out with 11:25 remaining yesterday to rally the Americas to a 2-2 draw with the Rest of the World in the legends soccer match, an all-star game featuring many of soccer's biggest stars of the past 20 years.

The match, played before 20,731 at Giants stadium, was sponsored by the US Soccer Federation and presented by Mundial Sports Group.

Rivelino, who scored off a pass from Colombia's Wellington Ortiz 43 seconds after replacing Vladislav Bogicevic, came 2-1-2 minutes after Michel Platini of France had given the Rest a 2-1 lead.

Platini, who also assisted on Paolo Rossi's first-half goal, knocked in a pass at the right post from the Netherlands' Johnny Rep, who drove the left side of the goalkeeper's box and slid

the ball through the goalmouth.

Chile's Carlos Caszely opened the scoring at 5:27, taking a cross from Andranik Eskandarian, who was on the right sideline. Goalkeeper Paul Jennings of Northern Ireland fell to the field to make the initial save on Caszely, but the Chilean forward was able to corral the rebound and hit the ball into the unguarded net.

Rossi tied the game just under six minutes later. Zbigniew Boniek of Poland drove to the top of the penalty area, passed off to just outside the right post to Platini, who found Rossi at the left post.

Arnie Mausser, who played goalkeeper for the first half, and Rick Davis, who played the entire game at midfield, represented the United States. The game served as a homecoming of sorts for many former players of the Cosmos of the now-defunct North American Soccer League.

Auxerre close gap at top of French League

PARIS, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Auxerre took advantage of a goalless draw in the match of the day between Paris Saint-Germain and Marseille yesterday to close the gap at the top of the French League to just one point.

Auxerre, one down at halftime to struggling Strasbourg, came back to win 2-1 with a goal in the last minute from Bernard Ferrer.

The three points put them on 33, one behind League leaders Paris Saint-Germain who could not get the better of third-placed Marseille at the Parc des Princes.

The home side, perhaps trying to counter criticism of their dull, defensive style, took the initiative against an unadventurous Marseille team but were unable to break through.

Marseille sat third on 31 points but champions Monaco moved up to fourth on 29 thanks to a laboured 1-0 home win over bottom club Lens. International full-back Manuel Amoros scored the goal in the 57th minute.

Results

Auxerre 2 Strasbourg 1
Cen 1 Laval 1
Gren 1 Bordeaux 1
Lille 2 Nice 0
Monaco 1 Lens 0
Nantes 1 Metz 0
PSG 0 Marseille 0
Sochaux 2 Montpellier 0
Toulon 1 Metz 0
Toulouse 3 Saint-Etienne 1

Lendl worries Antwerp merchants



Lendl: with the diamond racket

ANTWERP, Belgium, Oct. 30, (Reuters): Antwerp's diamond merchants are getting worried.

Ivan Lendl will be close to winning his second diamond-studded golden racket — worth \$1 million — if he retains his title at the European Community Tennis Championship Tennis tomorrow.

The first racket, offered in 1982 to anyone who could win the event three times within five years, went into the Lendl bank vault in 1985 and the diamond merchants would like to keep their second trophy a little longer.

Rivals
But Lendl, who pulled out in 1986 due to a hip injury, beat fellow-Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir in the final last year and most of his rivals will not be in Antwerp this week.

Top Swedes Mats Wilander, the world number one, and Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg, West German Boris Becker and Mecir, Olympic gold medalist, have all opted to play in concurrent Stockholm tournament.

And Lendl's path has been made even easier by the late withdrawal of Jimmy Connors and Australian Pat Cash.

The owners of the diamond racket will probably burn a candle for John McEnroe, a regular client in Antwerp, who has hinted at improved form after playing erratically during the past two years.

McEnroe is the only other winner to Antwerp — in 1983 and 1986 — and has vowed to get his hands on the second trophy.

The two former world number ones have been drawn to opposite halves of the competition, setting up the mouth-watering prospect of a final between the pair.

But McEnroe is scheduled to meet Australian Mark Woodforde in the quarterfinals, a potentially hazardous match as Woodforde has already beaten him twice this season.

Lendl, too, is expected to face stiff opposition in the quarterfinals when he takes on American Brad Gilbert, who thrashed Mecir in Paris on Thursday.

American Tim Mayotte is seeded second, while unpredictable Frenchman Henri Leconte, Argentine Guillermo Perez-Roldan, Soviet number one Andrei Chesnokov, Andres Gomez of Ecuador and American Aaron Krickstein are the other seeds.

Besides the racket, the tournament boasts prize money of \$1 million, with \$220,000 going to the winner and 8,000 to the first-round losers.

match point, was at a loss to explain why her serve deserted her in the semifinals.

"It's just one of those things. Once my serve started going, I got flustered and everything else in my game went. I got a little tentative with it, and it was all downhill from there," explained Rehe.

Garrison fought off a respectable challenge from Allen, a qualifier, with her aggressive play and strong serve but managed time to entertain the crowd with a behind-the-back shot for a winner.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

English soccer

LIVERPOOL, England, Oct. 30. (Reuters): Everton and Manchester United drew 1-1 (half-time 0-0) in an English League First Division soccer match here today. Scorers: Everton — Tony Cottee (71st minute); Manchester United — Mark Hughes (68th).

Indoor soccer

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct. 30. (AP): Paraguay stunned defending champion Brazil today with a 2-1 victory in the final of the World Indoor Soccer Championships.

Brazilian striker

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 30. (Reuters): Brazilian striker Romario de Souza Faria shivered his way through his debut with Dutch League leaders PSV Eindhoven yesterday evening but his new team mates provided a warm welcome with a 3-0 victory over Twente.

Soviet player

MOSCOW, Oct. 30. (Reuters): National goalkeeper Riant Dasayev has signed a \$2 million contract for two years with Spain's Seville, making him the fourth Soviet player this year to go to a foreign club, a Soviet newspaper said today.

Himalayan rally

NEW DELHI, India, Oct. 30. (AP): Organisers of the ninth Himalayan car rally today upheld a protest by Japanese driver Kenjiro Shinozuka and declared him the winner of the 2,294-kilometre event, news reports said.

Racing driver

VIENNA, Oct. 30. (Reuters): Austrian Formula One racing driver Gerhard Berger has threatened to emigrate to Monaco unless the government drops its demand that he do military service.

Horse show

LANDOVER, Maryland, Oct. 30. (Reuters): Herve Godignon of France rode Moet Et Chandon Nanou over a 2.21-metre wall yesterday to win the \$15,000 International Open jumper puissance class at the Washington International Horse Show.

Japan Cup

TOKYO, Oct. 30. (AP): The United States repeated its Olympic gold medal performance by defeating the Soviet Union in the preliminaries of the Japan Cup special men's volleyball competition, and Argentina beat Japan in opening-day play yesterday.

World champion

SEOUL, Oct. 30. (Reuters): World Boxing Council lightweight champion Chang Jung-Koo of South Korea has told his handlers he wants to retire because he suffers from insomnia and is unable to train, boxing officials said today.

Damiani triumphs

MILAN, Italy, Oct. 30. (UPI): Francesco Damiani of Italy opened up a deep cut over the right eye of American Tyrell Biggs to win their heavyweight bout last night when the ring doctor stopped the contest in the fifth round.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Huhara Bridge Club games held on Saturday:

- N/S
1. Mrs. Nabil Akel & Lollo Murth-walle
2. Dr. Parikh & R. Segre
3. M. Merchant & Carsten
E/W
1. Mrs. Guirgis & Mr. George
2. Mrs. Sapp & D. Pereira
3. M. Tiab & Nahoh

Results of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday:

1. Dabe & Margaret
2. Clara & Suzanne
3. Nadia & Madge

Al Hajri rushes to Sharjah to save entry in Oman Rally

MUSCAT: Middle East Championship leader Saeed Al Hajri was hoping to return to Muscat today after an emergency dash to Sharjah to save his entry in the Oman International Rally, the fifth and crucial round of the FISA Middle East series.

His Rothmans Audi Quattro A2, was stuck there in customs after the cargo airline which had been due to take it to Oman cancelled the onward flight.

Meanwhile, there was growing speculation in Muscat last night that Dubai's Mohammed Bin Sulayem, who received a neck injury in a road accident earlier this month will compete after all.

Sulayem, the reigning champion had been ruled out of the Oman event but the Toyota star was due to arrive in the Sultanate late last night, according to rally officials.

If he competes, Sulayem will

PROST FAILS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TEAMMATE'S BAD START

Senna braves wet surface to take title

SUZUKA, Japan, Oct. 30. (Reuters): A courageous, charging drive after a disastrous start gave Ayrton Senna a well-deserved first in Formula One World Drivers' Championship today.

The 28-year-old Brazilian braved a treacherously wet surface to make up time lost in a double-stall which had left him in eighth place at the start of the Japanese Grand Prix.

Display

His McLaren team-mate Alain Prost swept into the lead but Senna quickly started to cut down the Frenchman's 12-second advantage with a display of fearless driving in persistent drizzle on dry weather tyres.

By lap 20 of the 51-lap race he was right behind the Frenchman and he seized on a rare Prost error coming out of the chicane to sweep into the lead at the start of the 28th lap.

Prost never got back on equal terms with Senna as the two Honda-powered cars stormed



Senna takes the chequered flag. (Reuters wirephoto)

round the Japanese carmakers' home circuit, lapping every competitor from sixth place down.

Afterwards, Senna said: "I feel great. I still can't believe it's over."

The 1988 Formula One season has been dominated by the battle between the two McLaren

drivers. Prost could have taken the world title if he had won here and in the season's final race in Adelaide next month.

The only other driver to threaten their turbo domination today was Ivan Capelli in his normally-aspirated March.

The Italian got his car's nose briefly in front of Prost on the 16th lap but his Judd engine blew up soon afterwards when he was still challenging for the lead.

Third place went to Belgian Thierry Boutsen in a Benetton after a long scrutineering delay. Race officials said there had been questions about the legality of the fuel used in the car's turbo-powered Ford engine but Boutsen's third place was eventually confirmed.

The checks delayed the posting of the official race result for three hours.

Austrian Gerhard Berger was fourth in a Ferrari, followed by Italy's Alessandro Nannini in the second Benetton. Fellow-Italian Riccardo Patrese was sixth in a



Boutsen (right) pours champagne on Senna, who raises his fist in victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

Williams.

Patrese's British team-mate Nigel Mansell was involved in the only serious accident of the race when he tried to pass past Nelson Piquet's Lotus in the chicane.

His car was thrown high in the air and landed on its wheels. Mansell was unhurt but the car was too badly damaged to allow him to continue.

Last year, the Briton's championship hopes were dashed after a high-speed accident in practice left him too badly hurt to compete in the race.

Senna said after the race he expected the Honda-powered McLarens to dominate again next season despite the end of the turbo era.

His words will sound an ominous note in a sport which has watched the McLarens rewrite the record books.

"I am sure about it. The new car is very competitive," Senna said after clinching the world title. The car will be powered by a

new, normally-aspirated V-10 Honda engine supplied only to the red and white McLarens.

McLaren have already won the 1988 constructors' championship with a record 184 points to date and the Adelaide race still to come.

Senna has set a record of eight

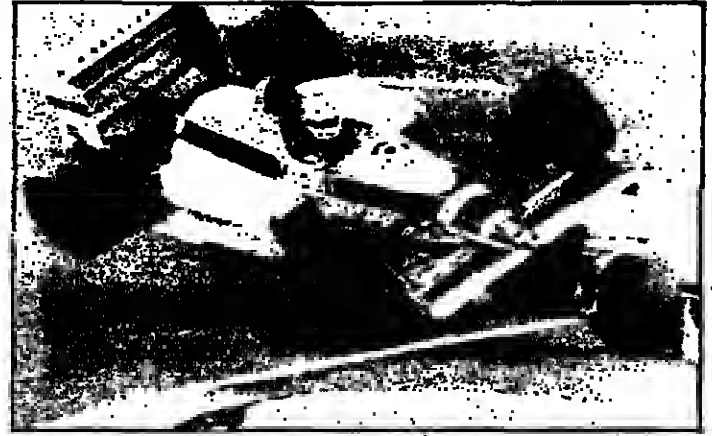
Grands Prix wins in one season, one more than the seven achieved by Prost and the late Jim Clark of Britain.

"There cannot be any team which has such strong competition within itself, or such mutual respect as Alain and I have for each other," said Senna who won at the Honda-owned Suzuka circuit despite being left behind at the start when he stalled in pole position.

Only Ferrari have denied McLaren's domination this year with a single victory in the Italian Grand Prix at Monza.

"It has been an amazing year for Alain and me," said Senna. "But now the pressure is off and although we will fight in Adelaide where I expect we will be one and two again, perhaps now we can enjoy racing a little bit more."

Both Senna and Prost were angry about the attitude of their fellow drivers during today's race.



Mansell's car jumps in the air as it crashes against Piquet's. (Reuters wirephoto)

Inter slam Roma to take top spot

ROME, Oct. 30. (Reuters): Internazionale went to the top of the Italian Soccer League today with a 2-0 win over Roma as Juventus and off-form defending champions AC Milan fought out a goalless draw.

Striker Aldo Serena set up Inter's first goal after 14 minutes when he headed down a cross for Nicola Bertl to score and he netted the second in the 84th minute on the rebound after goalkeeper Franco Tancredi parried his first shot at goal.

Inter and Sampdoria, 1-0 win-

ners over Ascoli with a goal from a free kick by Gianluca Vialli, both have seven points from four matches. Inter have the better goal difference.

AC Milan dropped from first to fourth on six points.

Their third successive draw emphasised the problems they are experiencing in finding the form which earned them the League title last season.

Replaced

Dutch star Ruud Gullit, yet to play a full 90 minutes this season as he fights back from an ankle

injury, was pulled off after 69 minutes and replaced by Pietro Paolo Virdis.

Fellow Dutchman Marco van Basten had Milan's best scoring chance after 15 minutes, forcing Juventus goalkeeper Stefano Tacconi out to the edge of his area to stop his run at goal. Milan keeper Giovanni Galli was similarly tested by diminutive Portuguese midfielder Rui Barros.

A finely hallooed match produced plenty of attacking football, but neither side looked

capable of penetrating their opponent's defence.

Napoli, the 1987 champions, followed up their 8-2 rout of Pescara a week ago with a 1-0 win at Cesena and moved up to third place.

Results

Atalanta	2	Bologna	0
Cesena	0	Napoli	1
Florentina	2	Torino	1
Inter	2	Roma	0
Juventus	0	AC Milan	0
Lazio	1	Como	1
Lecco	1	Pisa	0
Pescara	0	Verona	0
Sampdoria	1	Ascoli	0

Dittmar stuns Jansher

TORONTO, Oct. 30. (Reuters): Chris Dittmar of Australia scored a major upset at the Canadian Open squash championships by beating world number one Jansher Khan 15-9, 15-12, 15-15 in the semifinals yesterday.

Dittmar, the third seed, applied pressure on the top seed from the outset by attacking boldly at every opportunity.

The victory was Dittmar's first ever triumph over the 19-year-old Jansher, whose defensive strategy crumbled under

the weight of the aggressive Australian's heavy shots.

The 24-year-old Dittmar's surprise win lifted him into the final against reigning world champion Jahangir Khan of Pakistan.

The second-seeded Jahangir advanced with a 15-3, 15-5, 15-8 win over Rodney Martin of Australia. Martin, seeded fifth, played some brilliant individual points but was done in by a lack of consistency and lapses in concentration.

GOLF

Faldo hits 68 to beat Ballesteros

SOTOGRADE, Spain, Oct. 30. (Reuters): Nick Faldo shot an almost flawless final round of 68, surging past Severiano Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle to capture the Volvo Masters golf championship by two shots today.

The Englishman, runner-up at the US Open this year, beat off the British Open and US Masters champions to collect the winner's prize of £58,330 (\$102,077) in this new grand finale to the European season.

Enabled

Faldo's victory in the £350,000 (\$610,000) event finally enabled him to end his sequence of seven second-place finishes in Europe this year in addition to his playoff defeat by Curtis Strange at the US Open.

His only previous triumph in 1988 came at the French Open. Ballesteros, joint overnight leader with Lyle, carded a level-par closing round of 72 for second place and prize money of £35,660 (\$68,005).

Besides his prize as runner-up, Ballesteros collected £50,000 pounds (\$87,500 dollars) as the leader of the moneywinners' list.

Graf blasts Maleeva

BRIGHTON, England, Oct. 30. (Reuters): Steffi Graf emphasised her position as the world's top women's tennis player by demolishing Bulgaria's Manuela Maleeva in straight sets to win the Brighton indoor tournament today.

The 19-year-old West German, winner of all four Grand Slam events this year plus the Olympic title in Seoul, permitted Maleeva the luxury of staying in the match for just five games.

From 3-2 ahead in the first set, Graf reeled off the next nine games to overwhelm Maleeva, ranked sixth in the world, 6-2-0.

Process

She stormed through the final set in just 21 minutes, losing only 10 rallies in the process, and in doing so won her 11th tournament of the year.

Her purse of £28,500 (\$50,000 dollars) her winnings this year to £765,000 (\$1.35 million). She has now won 70 out of her 72 matches in 1988, the last 44 in succession.

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